

Officer Executive Decisions

Relocation of the Children's Social Care Services Teams - Woodlands Place Gillingham

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet:

On 11 February 2014, the Cabinet considered a report provided details of a proposal to seek authority to take a lease or leases of premises and ancillary parking to relocate the Children's Social Care Services' Teams.

The report set out a further proposal that the three existing Children's Social Care Services Teams' premises at Woodlands Place Gillingham, The Redvers Centre Chatham and The Elaine Centre Strood be declared surplus. This would enable them to be disposed of or let on the best terms reasonably obtainable and that Full Council make an addition to the capital programme to fund the moves.

The premises were outlined within Appendix 1 to the report and it was noted that a Diversity Impact Assessment had been undertaken, which was attached at Appendix 2 to the report. This assessment had indicated that a fuller Diversity Impact Assessment was not necessary.

A copy of the report is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=2765&Ver=4>

The Cabinet delegated authority to the Assistant Director, Legal and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to take a lease or leases of premises and ancillary parking to relocate the Children's Social Care Services Teams to on the best terms reasonably obtainable (Decision 43/2014).

In addition the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Legal and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to declare surplus Woodlands Place Gillingham, so that it can be disposed of or let on the best terms reasonably obtainable (Decision 44/2014).

Decision: To grant a 125-year lease to the adjoining Woodlands Academy.

Reasons for Decision: To enable refurbishment by the Academy to accommodate an additional single form entry.

Date of Decision: 22/1/15

Officer: Perry Holmes, Assistant Director, Legal & Corporate Services

Details of any other options considered and rejected:

1. Sale of the freehold interest.
2. Letting at a market rent for a shorter term

Conflicts of Interest: None