

## OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

### ROCHESTER RAILWAY STATION RELOCATION AND NEW CAR PARK PROVISION

<b>Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:</b>	<p>On 15 January 2013 the Cabinet considered a report that provided details of proposals to redevelop part of the Corporation Street car park as a component of a scheme to relocate Rochester Station and provide access to the Riverside development whilst providing additional replacement parking facilities for shoppers, businesses and rail users.</p> <p>The report set out the benefits of the relocated station including; an increased platform and concourse capacity to cater for 12 car trains, rather than 9 as at present; quicker more frequent/more reliable service up and down the line to and from London to Medway and beyond; station better located for Rochester town centre and Rochester Riverside; the ability to better integrate with other modes of transport and a new pedestrian subway (to be funded by Network Rail) to link the new station with the Rochester Riverside site and Rochester town centre.</p> <p>A copy of the report and Record of Decisions is available via the following link <a href="http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&amp;MId=2533&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&amp;MId=2533&amp;Ver=4</a></p> <p>The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Legal and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Declare surplus part of the Corporation Street Car park site and to dispose of it to Network Rail to use as a site for a new station;</li><li>(b) Grant any necessary rights over the Council's land to enable the Station to be built; and</li><li>(c) Amend the Collaboration Agreement to reflect the inclusion of part of the Corporation Street Car Park as part of the Rochester Riverside site.</li></ul>
<b>Decision:</b>	<p>The final agreements (the long lease of the station and an easement to maintain a wall and an easement to the council for the subway) were completed and the station opened on 13 December 2015.</p> <p>The report advised that the site was included in the Rochester Riverside collaboration agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) (formerly SEEDA) and therefore the HCA's consent would be needed, before the site could be disposed of or any rights granted across the site. It is noted however that the collaboration agreement did not need to amend. However the HCA's consent was needed to the grant the lease and the easement and this was obtained.</p>

<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The actions were taken in accordance with the Cabinet report and to ensure that the new station could be developed on the site.
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	7 December 2015
<b>Details of any other options considered and rejected:</b>	The decisions were taken in accordance with the Cabinet report.
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<b>Conflicts of Interest:</b>	Not Applicable.