

Officer Executive Decisions

Future of Medway Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: On 20 December 2016 the Cabinet considered a report which provided details of the options for the delivery of a sustainable and resilient Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award scheme in Medway.

The Cabinet agreed:

- to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Children's Services (Lead Member), to grant a lease of the Duke of Edinburgh premises at the Strand (The Summit) as part of the outsourcing of the Service (decision number 150/2016 refers).

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?IId=17860&Opt=3>

Decision: The Chief Legal Officer having consulted with the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Children's Services (Lead Member), completed a 5 year lease, commencing on 1 April 2017 with the Medway Open Award Centre.

Reasons for Decision: Savings to the Council, mitigate the risk of drop in performance in delivery of DofE awards and provides greatest opportunity for sustainability.

Date of Decision: The contract completed on 21 July 2017

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Details of any other options considered and rejected:

1. For the Council to continue to provide the service. Rejected on financial grounds.
2. To discontinue the DofE Award Scheme in Medway. Rejected on the ground of the loss of opportunity to disadvantaged and vulnerable young people in Medway.

Conflicts of Interest: No conflicts of interest.