

Officer Executive Decisions

The Long Term Future of the Corn Exchange, Enhancement of the Guildhall Museum – Sale/disposal of the Former Conservancy Building, 17 High Street, Rochester

On the 10 July 2018 the Cabinet considered a report which recommended the disposal of the Conservancy Board Building 17 High Street Rochester, as this would save the running and maintenance costs of the building and any capital receipt could be invested in the Guildhall Museum and the Corn Exchange.

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:

On the 10 July 2018 The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources to declare surplus and dispose of the Conservancy Building as shown edged black on the plan, set out at Appendix 1 to the report, on the best terms reasonably obtainable (decision no. 96/2018 refers).

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?IId=23487&Opt=3>

The decision was called-in to Business Support Overview and Scrutiny on the 23 August 2018. The Committee agreed to accept the Cabinet decision and take no further action.

Decision: The decision was made in accordance with the Cabinet decision to offer the premises for sale at the Clive Emson property auction on 29 October 2018 in order to widely market the premises and obtain the best consideration for them.

Reasons for Decision: In order to reduce management costs, facilitate development and obtain a capital receipt which can be used to repair and improve the Corn Exchange.

Date of Decision: 26 November 2018

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Details of any other options considered and rejected:

Option A: Taking no action to dispose of the Conservancy Building which would mean that other sources of funding to pay for maintenance and enhancement works at the Guildhall Museum/Corn Exchange and potential other priority schemes.

Option B: Agree to declare the Conservancy Building as surplus to operational requirements and authorise the sale.

Conflicts of Interest: None