

Officer Executive Decisions.

Surrender of Leasehold Public toilet Block at High Halstow: Delegation from Cabinet 16 December 2025

High Halstow Parish Council (HHPC) is the Local Parish Council, the freeholder of the above toilets and Medway Council's Landlord.

On the 16 December 2025 amongst other things, the Cabinet agreed to declare surplus, the leasehold public toilet block at High Halstow, so unless High Halstow Parish Council (HHPC) was prepared to run the toilets, and the lease of the toilets could be surrendered back to HHPC using the Head of Valuation and Asset Management's delegated powers, as set out in the Constitution, then Medway Council would close the toilets during 2026. (Decision number 185/2025.) The report is available from the [Council's website](#).

Decision

On the 29 March 2026, after a period of negotiation with High Halstow Parish Council (HHPC) the Head of Valuation & Asset Management used their delegated powers to complete the surrender of the lease of the public toilet block back to HHPC. HHPC has agreed to keep the toilets open.

Reasons for Decision

To generate revenue savings for Medway Council and to give HHPC the ability to control the toilets which it owns the freehold of.

Date of Decision

29 March 2026.

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Details of any other options considered and rejected.

The Council could have decided to retain the lease and keep the toilets open, but this would not have generated revenue savings, which will help the Council to be more financially sustainable.

Conflicts of Interest

None.