

Officer Executive Decisions

Property Review and Future Management of Heritage Sites

Delegation from Cabinet 13 January 2026

On 13 January 2026 the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Place to make the necessary arrangements to hand back Upnor Castle and Temple Manor to English Heritage, including terminating the Local Management Agreement in respect of the two assets, so that English Heritage (the Guardian of the properties) would take on the full management of the properties. (Decision No. 11/2026). The report is available from the [Council's website](#).

Decision

On 11 June, the Local Management Agreement in respect of Temple Manor was terminated, and the property was handed back to English Heritage, so that it can take on the management of the property

Reasons for Decision

To reduce running costs, and to bring Temple Manor into more intensive use with English Heritage, which is better placed to manage this property than the Council.

Date of Decision

11 June 2026.

Lead Officer

Adam Bryan, Director of Place

Details of any other options considered and rejected

Please see [paragraph 5](#) of the original report.

Conflicts of Interest

None.