

Officer Executive Decisions

The Disposal of the Former Fire Station and Public Toilets, Arches Under New Road Chatham

Delegation from Cabinet 29 October 2024

On the 29 October 2024 amongst other things, the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Place in consultation with the Council's Corporate Landlord Board (CLB) , to agree the method of disposal for the above property and to dispose of the property in order to obtain the best price reasonably obtainable see item: Former Fire Station and Public Toilets arches, New Cut Chatham (129k/2024).

The report is available from the [Council's website](#).

Decision.

The Council's advisors recommended that the property be offered for sale in the first instance by private treaty to the tenant, and that if the tenant was not prepared to pay an acceptable price for the property, that the Council should then either offer it for sale by auction or by private treaty on the open market, subject to the tenant's lease.

On the 28 July 2025, the Deputy Director of Place (acting for the Director of Place) in consultation with the CLB agreed to dispose of the property on the above basis for no less than a minimum price.

This method of sale took into account that the property was let on a long-term lease until May 2034. The completion of the sale took place on 30 June 2026 and a sale price of £325,000 was achieved.

Reasons for Decision

To generate revenue savings and a capital receipt for the Council.

Date of Decision

30 June 2026.

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Details of any other options considered and rejected.

The Council could have decided to retain the property; however, this would not have generated revenue savings and a capital receipt which will help the Council to be more financially sustainable.

Conflicts of Interest

The company which acquired the property is owned by Cllr Harinder Mahil. Cllr Mahil was not at any Cabinet meetings where the property was discussed and did not participate in decision making and the Council's external agents have confirmed that the price paid for the property represents the best consideration reasonably obtainable.