

LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 20 October 2020 at County Hall, Lewes

++ The Lead Member was not present in person, but took the decisions remotely ++

Councillor Roy Galley spoke on item 4 (see minute 8)

Councillor Philip Daniel spoke on items 6, 7, 8 and 12 (see minutes 10, 11, 12 and 15)

6 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 17 JULY 2020

6.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2020.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

8 FORMER FOREST ROW HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SITE - SURPLUS DECLARATION

8.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

8.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to agree the site be formally declared a surplus property asset.

Reasons

8.3 The site is of little benefit to East Sussex County Council services. The declaration will allow the Council to engage fully with potentially interested parties and identify a future user/owner of the site.

9 FORMER WADHURST HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SITE

9.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

9.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) agree for Wadhurst Household Waste Recycling Centre be formally declared a surplus property asset; and

(2) agree to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the details of the formal disposal of the site.

Reasons

9.3 All options have been considered and evaluated with the freehold sale being assessed as the best option to bring greatest value to the Council.

10 SACKVILLE HOUSE, LEWES - FIRST AND PART OF SECOND FLOORS

10.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer, together with exempt information contained in a later agenda item.

DECISIONS

10.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) agree the implementation of two new 10-year leases to the NHS – East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group and any legal documentation associated with enabling this rental (agreement for lease and licence for alterations); and

(2) agree to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the details of the new leases and associated legal documentation.

Reasons

10.3 Following vacation of County Council personnel from Sackville House the Council has sought suitable tenants to take on parts of the vacant premises. The NHS East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group have agreed to invest in the property to modernise the premises in order to replace their former rented offices in Lewes.

11 SACKVILLE HOUSE, LEWES - GROUND AND PART OF SECOND FLOORS

11.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer, together with exempt information contained in a later agenda item.

DECISIONS

11.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) agree to the implementation of two new 10-year leases to the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and any legal documentation associated with enabling this rental; and

(2) agree to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the details of the new leases and Licence for Alterations.

Reasons

11.3 Following vacation of County Council personnel from Sackville House the Council has sought suitable tenants to take on parts of the vacant premises. The Sussex Partnership NHS Trust have agreed to invest in the property to modernise the premises in order to replace their former rented offices in Lewes.

12 WARWICK HOUSE, SEAFORD

12.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer, together with exempt information contained in a later agenda item.

DECISIONS

12.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) agree to the implementation of a new 10-year leases to the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and any legal documentation associated with enabling this rental; and

(2) agree to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the details of the new lease and works licence.

Reasons

12.3 Following vacation of County Council personnel from Warwick House the Council has sought suitable tenants to take on parts of the vacant premises.

13 LEASAM FIELD, LOVE LANE, RYE - SURPLUS DECLARATION

13.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

13.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) declare the property known as Leasam Field, Love Lane, Rye surplus to the County Council's requirements; and

(2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to secure best value terms for a disposal in accordance with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reasons

13.3 The property offers no future operational use for the County Council, nor has it generated any income since 2010.

14 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

14.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

15 SACKVILLE HOUSE, LEWES AND WARWICK HOUSE, SEAFORD - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

15.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which contained exempt information in support of earlier agenda items.

DECISION

15.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to note the information.