



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

Notice of NON KEY Executive Decision containing exempt information

This Executive Decision Report is part exempt and Appendix A is not available for public inspection as it contain) or relates to exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 & 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is exempt because it refers to financial and business affairs of the Tenant and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

Subject Heading:	Subject Property: Europa Centre, The Walk, Hornchurch, RM11 3TL Event: Lease
Decision Maker:	Mark Butler - Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Paul McGeary – Cabinet Member for Housing and Property
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings - Strategic Director of Place
Report Author and contact details:	London Borough of Havering (LBH) Luke Kubik Estates Surveyor Property Services Town Hall Main Road Romford RM1 3BD Tel: 01708 434 176 E: luke.kubik@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Asset Management Plan
Financial summary:	The financial aspects for the transaction are detailed in the <u>EXEMPT Appendix A</u> to this Report

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Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	Place
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

- People - Things that matter for residents ()
- Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy (x)
- Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place (x)

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

Background

The above property has been identified by the Education Department as a facility that can be utilised by Routes4Life to expand their provisions for supporting SEND people aged 19 to 25 into adult life. The recent Children and Young People Education Place Planning Plan highlights the growing numbers of children and young adults with SEND in Havering.

Havering's High Needs Strategy sets out a priority to improve the offer of pathways to adulthood for young people so that they can move towards a productive and enjoyable adult life.

Routes4Life currently operate in Avelon, Rainham supporting SEND people aged 19 to 25 into adult life. By utilising Europa Centre they can increase their provision to support more SEND people aged 19-25.

The constitution has set out a code to be followed for lettings at less than market value. The instructing department has followed the code and provided answers to show that it is acting reasonably.

Following instructions from the Assistant Director of Education, final Heads of Terms have been agreed with the Routes4Life Ltd. The terms are detailed in Appendix A.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council agrees that the Estates Surveyor, London Borough of Havering - Property Services instructs the Council's Legal team to draw up a new Lease as per the details in Appendix A.

Decisions

Formal authority is hereby given to instruct the Estates Surveyor, London Borough of Havering - Property Services to instruct the Council's Legal team to draw up a new Lease as per the details in Appendix A.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Havering Council's Constitution Part 3.3 Scheme 3.3.5 (2nd April 2024 - current)

8.6 To dispose of any property or asset of the Council provided that the value of the property or asset is less than £1,000,000. The delegation is subject to the following requirements:

- a) complying with the Code of Practice on the Disposal of Surplus Property

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- b) in cases where the Cabinet has already approved the principle but not the terms of a property disposal without the invitation of competitive bids, the provisionally agreed terms of any disposal exceeding £1,000,000 shall be reported to Cabinet for approval before the transaction is concluded.
- c) in cases that have not been the subject of competitive bids but are below £1,000,000 in value, the provisionally agreed terms of disposal shall be reported to the Strategic Director of Resources, before the transaction is concluded.
- d) complying with relevant Council policy on property transactions
- e) referring a matter for Member decision where it is proposed to recommend other than the best financial bid.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There is a strategic policy in the recent Children and Young People Education Place Planning Plan which highlights the growing numbers of children and young adults with SEND in Havering, whose needs will be met by this new expanded provision offered at the Europa Centre by Routes4 Life.

Additionally, Havering's High Needs Strategy sets out a priority to improve the offer of pathways to adulthood for young people so that they can move towards a productive and enjoyable adult life. The provision that will be offered at Europa Centre by Route4 Life will meet this priority and means that additional young adults can access the service as they will increase their capacity from the current site at the Avelon, Rainham.

There is no negative financial impact to the Council as the provider operates as an independent college, so any charges levied regarding accommodation will be added to the rates being charged to the Council for the places being offered, which means the Council is in a net-zero position

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option: Not to agree to the new letting
Rejected: There are a shortage of SEND places available in Havering and this letting will provide additional places

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

Trevor Cook – Assistant Director of Education, Starting Well – Compliance with Code

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NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Luke Kubik

Designation: Estates Surveyor

Signature:

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Date: 14th August 2024

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

1. The Council has a general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, which gives the power to do anything an individual can do, subject to any statutory constraints on the Council's powers ("the General Power"). The recommendations in this report are in keeping with the General Power.
2. The Council also has powers under Section 123(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to dispose of land in any manner it wishes, subject to subsection 123(2) which provides that land should not be disposed of for less than best consideration on a transfer of the freehold or lease of more than 7 years

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The tenant will pay a contribution towards the associated costs of drawing up the lease.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

No human resources implications and risks have been identified.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

An EqHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) is usually carried out when a proposed or planned activity is likely to affect staff, service users, or other residents.

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The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all in all situations.

There are no equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

No Environmental and Climate Change implications identified.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES

Appendix A Landlord's Proposals for a lease - Exempt

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed *Mark Butler*

Name: Mark Butler

Position: Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping

Date: 12/09/2024

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____