

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

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

Subject Heading:	Sale of 16 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close, RM12 4GL
Decision Maker:	Paul Walker Interim Director – Housing & Property Place Directorate.
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Paul McGeary – Cabinet Member for Housing & Property.
ELT Lead:	Neil Stubbings Strategic Director of Place.
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Policy context:	Housing Asset Management Plan. The Havering Wates Joint Venture Business Plan. The HRA Business Plan Update and Capital Programme.

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Financial Summary:	<p>£311,750 sale proceeds for HWR Phase 1 Stage 2 LLP to recoup the costs of the Park Rise development under the Council's joint venture.</p> <p>This is a shared ownership property and the sale represents 75% equity share (except £12,500 for a parking space). There is no rent applied to the 25% share.</p>
Relevant OSC:	Place Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	Yes, it is exempt, as it is a Non-Key Decision by a Member of Staff.

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

People - Things that matter for residents X

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

The Park Rise development consists of 54 low-cost Shared Ownership (OPSO) units 41 open market sales and 80 affordable homes.

44 of the Shared Ownership Units and 41 open market sales are funded through utilisation of Right to Buy receipts and are also funded by the utilisation of 2016-2023 GLA programme funding for affordable housing.

Shared ownership products are appropriate for those aged 55 and above on low to moderate incomes to support 75% of the value of the property.

Approval of terms for the proposed Open Market/Shared Ownership sale of a recently built 16 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close RM12 4GL. This property is one of 41 open market and 54 Shared Ownership properties in the development.

Recommendation

1. That formal authority is hereby given to complete (a) an Agreement for Sale and (b) The lease means [an Older Person Shared Ownership] lease for the term of 990 years from and including the Commencement Date (which is to be the date of each individual lease) for residential property:

16 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close RM12 4GL.

2. That formal authority is given to take all steps necessary, with Trowers & Hamblins LLP, to complete the Sale Agreement and [Shared Ownership] Lease for 16 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close, RM12 4GL.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Part 3.3 Scheme of Delegations.

3.3.3 Powers common to all Strategic Directors.

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1. General

1.1 To take any steps, and take any decisions, necessary for the proper management and administration of their allocated directorate, in accordance with applicable Council policies and procedures.

2. Expenditure.

2.1 To incur expenditure for their allocated directorate within the revenue and capital budgets as approved by the Council, or as otherwise approved, subject to any variation permitted by the Council's contract and financial procedure rules.

8. Property.

8.1 To be the Council's designated corporate property officer, responsible for the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio, including corporate strategy and asset management, procurement of property and property services, planned and preventative maintenance programmes, property allocation, security and use, reviews, acquisitions and disposals (freehold and leasehold), and commercial estate management.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The sale of 36 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close, RM12 4GL will provide sale proceeds to HWR Phase 1 Stage 2 LLP to recoup the costs of the Park Rise development under the Council's Joint Venture arrangement.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option: To not proceed with the sales.

This was rejected because the new property, part of the Park Rise later living development, is now complete and needs to be sold as a shared ownership unit, as initially planned.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

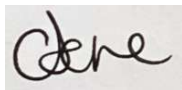
No additional pre-decision consultation has been conducted beyond the usual communications with the Housing Services and Insurance teams.

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

Name: Amanda Sone

Designation: Business Support RTB Sales & Marketing

Signature:



Date: 4 September 2025

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This property is held by the Council for the purposes of part 2 of the Housing Act 1985. The property may only be disposed of with the consent of the Secretary of State (section 32 of the 1985 Act). The Secretary of State has issued the General Housing Consents 2013. The Council may rely on the general consent in paragraph A3.1.1 which permits disposals provided the disposal is at market value.

An independent surveyor has confirmed that the disposal value of the property of 16 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close, RM124GL is its market value.

The Lease has been prepared by Penningtons Manches LLP, in collaboration with The Council, using the GLA/HCA template lease for shared ownership houses;

1. The prepared shared ownership lease is based on the latest Homes and Communities Agency template; and
2. The Lease contains all the required fundamental clauses, complying with Council of Mortgage Lenders requirements.

The engrossment shared ownership lease for 16 Maylards Court, Park Hill Close, RM12 4GL is considered to be GLA compliant and any legal implications and risks that there are, will be mitigated by the usual conveyancing processes.

The Council assume, prior to exchange of contracts and completion of the sale, that all building work is complete to a satisfactory standard, that full planning permission and building regulation approval and an appropriate new build warranty is in place and that these matters have been satisfactorily verified by Housing Services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The sale of 16 Maylards Court Sunrise Avenue RM12 4GH will generate a capital receipt of £299,250 representing 75% share. The receipt will be paid to HWR Phase 1 Stage 2 LLP, a development subsidiary covering Park Rise (formerly Solar, Serena and Sunrise). This subsidiary (or management company) sits under the Council's Joint Venture, Havering and Wates Regeneration (HWR) LLP. The remaining 25% share will remain with the LLP, and no rent will be applied within the lease.

There is also the sale of a parking space for £12,500 which also passes to the LLP.

The property was independently valued at £399,000, details of which can be found in the Exempt Section of the Report, Appendix 1.

This sale will be on a leasehold basis at 990 years. Service Charges will be applicable to the buyer.

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

The recommendations made in this report do not give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

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. In this case it is not considered relevant. It is not considered necessary to enter into an Equalities Impact Assessment in relation to buying this property. The purchase will be completed after the standard property purchase negotiations using standard a contract format undertaken with the expressed consent of the owner; therefore, an EIA is not considered relevant.

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

Property is a new build and recently constructed with energy efficient materials producing a high Energy Performance Level (EPC).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

APPENDICIES

Exempt Appendix 1:
Savills Park Rise development, dated
with Valuation Date of same date May 2024

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Part C – Record of decision

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

Decision

Proposal agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed



Paul Walker
Interim Director of Housing & Property

Date: 5th March 2025

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 _____