

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 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 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

Subject Heading:	Subject Property: Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham RM14 1SR ("the property") Event: Deed of Variation
Decision Maker:	Mark Hopson - Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping
Cabinet Member:	Robert Whitton - Cabinet Member for Regeneration
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings - Strategic Director of Place
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Policy context:	Asset Management Plan

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Financial summary:	The financial aspects for the transaction are detailed in the <u>EXEMPT Appendix A</u> to this Report
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

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council agrees that Property Services instructs the Council's Legal Department to draw up Deed of Variation as per the details in Appendix A.

Decisions

Formal authority is hereby given to instruct Property Services to instruct the Council's Legal Department to draw up a Deed of Variation 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)

8.1 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, and commercial estate management.

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
- 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.

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STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The property is leased to the lessee on a 20 year lease that is protected by the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 commencing 25 September 2025. The property is used as a community centre for providing facilities for recreation and social purposes or education and physical training only within Classes F2 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) or such other use as agreed in writing by the Council.

A new lease was agreed and completed in June 2026 however due to internal administrative error the incorrect plan was annexed to the completed agreement.

A Deed of Variation is required to update the lease with correct lease plan which needs to be registered at the Land Registry.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option:	Not to proceed with a Deed of Variation
Rejected:	The lease plan needs to reflect the correct demise, not doing so could give rise to disputes and complications at a later date. The tenant has confirmed agreement to the deed of variation to update the lease plan.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None

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

Name: Luke Kubik
Designation: Estates Surveyor
Signature:



Date: 17 August 2026

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The report seeks approval for the Council as Landlord to enter a deed of variation to substitute the incorrect lease plan that was annexed to the original lease agreement to the correct the lease plan. The physical extent of the property is being reduced that does not trigger an implied surrender and regrant of the lease.

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 recommendation in this report is in keeping with the General Power.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This report is seeking approval to draw up a deed of variation because an incorrect plan was annexed to the original lease agreement.

The council will be responsible for the legal costs in amending this agreement, which will be paid for from existing budgets.

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.

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An EqHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) is usually carried out and on this occasion this isn't required.

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 Deed of Variation 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



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Signed

Name: Mark Hopson

Position: Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping

Date: 21.08.26

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 _____