

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 6 September 2010

Decision No: (CAB 10/11 4079)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND WORKFORCE PLANNING
SUBJECT:	LEASE SURRENDER AND RENEWAL: SCOUT HUTS AT CANFORD CLOSE AND TICKLEFORD DRIVE, SOUTHAMPTON
AUTHOR:	Tina Wright

THE DECISION

- (i) To authorise the surrender and re-grant of new leases at £1pa to the Scout Groups occupying premises at Canford Close and Tickleford Drive requiring the Scouts to underlet to a nursery provider.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Property and Procurement to authorise any similar future proposals for lease renewals to Scout or Guide groups or other community or charitable organisations which include any underlet for any purpose authorised by s.2 Local Government Act 2000 at rents less than best consideration where it is proposed to underlet to a nursery provider or similar community use.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. There are currently insufficient Early Years places for children of 3 and 4 years of age within many areas of Southampton. The Childcare Act 2006 creates a duty for the Local Authority to ensure there are sufficient early years places in response to demand. The proposal will enhance the existing asset, improve the facilities for the Scouts and assist the Council in carrying out its statutory duty. The proposals in the report represent value for money as if other facilities were needed to be found to house the nursery an open market rental would need to be paid.
2. There are no delegated powers to grant a lease at less than best consideration.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

To not grant new leases but continue with existing lease terms. This will not allow the Scouts to underlet to a nursery provider which would create a shortfall in nursery places in the Millbrook and Weston area of the City.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 6 September 2010

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 14 September 2010

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

