



**If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.**

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**B101/19**

*If not a Key Decision write n/a above*

## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD <sup>1</sup>

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

**Subject:** *To consider the future of Land at Cox's Gardens, Bishops Stortford*

*(If an Key Decision please use the same title as provided in the Forward Plan)*

Officer Contact: Dick Bowler

Executive Members: Ralph Sangster & Terry Douris

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Portfolios: Resources & Performance and Education, Libraries & Localism

### 1. **Decision**

*I authorise that the County Council:*

*a) allocates the Land at Cox's Gardens, Bishops Stortford as shown edged red on plan EM13173/A for use as Pre-School premises;*

*b) enters into an agreement with The Bishop's Stortford High School and The Blues Pre-School Nursery for the relocation of The Blues to premises to be provided on this land by the County Council; and*

*c) grants a 25 year lease to The Blues Pre-School when the premises are practically complete.*

### 2. **Reasons for the decision**

As is set out in the attached Property Policy Report, to authorise development and use of, and the grant of a lease over, this vacant remnant part of a former primary school site. This is to accommodate The Blues Pre-School in a new modular building so that it can relocate from its existing accommodation on the existing site of The Bishops Stortford High School. The relocation will enable planning controls, protecting the Pre-School use, to be discharged and so enable sale and housing redevelopment of the whole of the High School's existing site.

### 3. **Alternative options considered and rejected <sup>2</sup>**

None.

### 4. **Consultation<sup>3</sup>**

**Was any Member consulted? Yes**

**If yes:**

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(a) **Comments of Executive Member for Resources & Performance:**

*I have no objection to the proposed action.*

(b) **Comments of Executive Member for Education, Libraries & Localism:**

*I support and approve this action*

There are no other consultees.

**5. Any conflict of Interest declared by a member who has been consulted in relation to the decision<sup>4</sup>**

None.

**6. Following consultation with the Executive Members, I am proceeding with the above decision.**

Signed: .....

Title: Director of Resources

Date: ...12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions" and Annex 3 to the Constitution

<sup>2</sup> details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

<sup>3</sup> Before an Officer takes any decision under delegated powers s/he must consider whether to involve Members. The table below sets out when members should be informed or consulted

<b>Significance of Proposed Action</b>	<b>Controversial</b>	<b>Relevant Member(s) to be Consulted</b>
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Member
Local	Yes	Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Consult relevant Lead Executive Member(s)
General or County-wide	Yes	Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and Leader of the Council