

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B113/23

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: Re-structuring of Baldock Rural Estate Tenancies including future of Homeland Farm

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes

Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Cllr. Bob Deering

Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Resources & Performance

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1. Decision

Approve strategy and associated actions for re-structuring Baldock rural estate tenancies. The decision was also taken to declare the Homeland asset surplus and available for inclusion within the Baldock major development scheme (note this decision does not apply to the land occupied by the Tapps Garden Centre)

2. Reasons for the decision

The approval of the strategy allows the County Council to re-structure the rural estate tenancies at Baldock to make them align better with the objectives of the planned major development scheme whilst enabling the land to remain in active use for as long as possible. The decision to declare Homeland surplus provides additional land to support the development (excluding Tapps Garden Centre).

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None

4. Consultation

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member: Agreed

(b) Comments of other consultees: Leader of the Council was also consulted and agreed.

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

None

6. Following consultation with the Executive Member and Leader, I am proceeding with the proposed decision

Signed: ...Scott Crudgington

Title: Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources

Date: 20.09.2023

Copies of record to:

- All consultees

- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups