

**SOMERSET COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS MEMBER / OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

KEY DECISION RECORD

Disposal of Taunton Technology Park

Executive Member(s):

Cllr. Ros Wyke – Executive Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets

Cllr. Liz Leyshon – Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Resource and Performance

Local Member(s) and Division: Cllr. Fran Smith and Cllr. Hazel Prior-Sankey (Taunton South Division)

Lead Officer: Sally Stark, Assets Manager, Strategic Asset Management

Date of decision: 19 January 2024

Date of publication of decision: 19 January 2024

Date decision comes into force: 29 January 2024

1. Executive Lead Member Key Decision

That the Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets and the Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Resources and Performance:

- a. Authorised the Service Director – Strategic Asset Management, in consultation with the Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets where appropriate, and the Legal Services department to agree and complete the sale on the open market of the surplus property, Taunton Technology Park.**
- b. Agreed the case that Confidential Appendix 2 is regarded as exempt information and is to be treated in confidence, as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.**
- c. Approved that the loss of budgeted income listed in Confidential Appendix 2 is allowed as a budget pressure against Strategic Asset Management and/or transferred through virement from the capital financing budget to offset the pressure in the Strategic Asset Management departmental budget.**

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Signed by:

Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Lead Member for Resources and Performance

Executive Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets

2. Reason for Decision(s)
As set out in the Officer's report
3. Reason(s) for Urgency
None
4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected
As set out in the attached report
5. Any relevant Personal Interest that the Executive Lead Members may have under the Council's Code of Conduct for Members
None
6. Details of any conflict(s) of interest declared by an Executive Lead Members consulted about the proposals and any dispensation from Chief Executive
None
7. Other background information considered by the Executive Lead Members before making this decision
Comments received from Somerset Council Elected Members