

East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record

Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number: NKD24/12

Taken by: Councillor Carl Brittain – Executive Member for Financial Sustainability

Decision:

- (A) the Council transfers the freehold interest in the allotments at West Street and Norwood Close, Hertford to Hertford Town Council on the terms agreed; and**
- (B) That the transfers will include a covenant restricting the land to allotment purposes only.**

Date of Decision

25 October 2024

Reason(s) for decision

The provision and management of statutory allotments is a function that sits with town and parish councils. The two sites in West Street and Norwood Close, Hertford are managed as statutory allotments and so the continued provision and management properly sits with Hertford Town Council. Statutory allotment sites are protected and can only be used for alternative purposes in very limited circumstances. Terms have been agreed on the basis that the freehold interest in the two sites be transferred to the Town Council for £1 with the use of the land restricted to allotment purposes only.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

Retain sites and continue to manage the allotments as statutory allotments. However, they should properly sit with the Town Council and it is an opportunity for the Council to reduce some financial liability for the cost of maintenance and management of the sites which exceeds the amount of income received.

Does the decision or report contain exempt information?

No

State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision

None

State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted

N/A

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