

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Application Ref:	
Subject matter:	Disposal of Layston Court Gardens, Buntingford to Buntingford Town Council.
Date of Decision:	4 th June 2025
Exempt /Confidential information (Yes / No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	N/A
Authorising Officer:	Jonathan Geall, Director for Communities. At its meeting of 11th February 2025,the Executive approved the disposal of the freehold of Layston Court Gardens, Buntingford to Buntingford Town Council with authority to complete the disposal delegated to the Director for Communities (formerly the Head of Housing, Health and Property).
Decision:	The freehold title to Layston Court Gardens, Buntingford, as outlined in red on the plan Appendix A, be transferred to Buntingford Town Council in return for the sum of £31,345, with a covenant that the land shall only be used for formal gardens.
Reason(s) for Decision:	At its meeting of 11th February 2025,the Executive approved the disposal of the freehold of Layston Court Gardens, Buntingford to Buntingford Town Council with authority to complete the disposal delegated to the Director for Communities (formerly the Head of Housing, Health and Property).

	<p>This report records that Layston Court Gardens, Buntingford is being transferred by East Herts Council to Buntingford Town Council in return for a sum of £31,345 and that the transfer contains a covenant that the land shall be for the use of formal gardens only. It is noted that the community's and, indeed the council's, interest in the continued use of the land as park gardens is protected under the Open Spaces Act 1906.</p>
<p>Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected:</p>	<p>None as the decision to dispose of Layston Court Gardens to Buntingford Town Council was made by the Executive at its meeting of 11th February 2025. This report records the enacting of that decision.</p>
<p>Name(s) of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision that is being taken under specific express authorisation.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Signature of Consultee, if any</p>	<p>n/a – the decision was delegated to the Director for Communities.</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Taker</p>	<p>Jonathan Geall, Director for Communities Signature REDACTED</p>