

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Grant Consent for an Assignment of a lease of Thorley Community Centre, Friedberg Avenue, Bishop's Stortford
Date of Decision:	26 March 2026
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	N/A
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Director for Communities
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	Acting under authority delegated within section 10.14.33 of the council's Constitution <i>'Lettings of all properties including council offices; consents to assignments and sub-lettings; the granting of easements and licences; entering into leases, sub-leases, licences and easements on behalf of the council as lessee or lessor, sub-lessee, licensee or grantee as appropriate; consent to modification or release of restrictive covenants; rent reviews under existing and future leases, including the approval of terms,</i>

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	<i>subject to reporting transactions half-yearly to the Executive</i>
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	
Decision:	To grant consent to an assignment of the lease dated 26 October 2000 from Thorley Community Centre Ltd. To Bishop's Stortford Community Centres.
Reason(s) for Decision:	The current trustees of the Centre would like to retire from their roles but before doing so are keen to safeguard the future of the Centre. The trustees have been in discussions with Bishop's Stortford Town Council and have put forward a request to the Council for consent to assign the lease to Bishop's Stortford Community Centres, a CIO established by the Town Council. In agreeing to relax the covenant in this instance it reduces the risk of the community centre failing at some time in the future because the current tenant does not have suitable or sufficient trustees to manage it effectively.
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Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	a) Refuse the request but this would put the centre at risk of failing at some point in the future - NOT RECOMMENDED.

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Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	<i>Note: if a Member has a pecuniary interest they should not take part in making this decision. If a Member has a non-pecuniary interest, a judgement should be made as to whether they can contribute to making this decision; if in doubt, check with a Democratic Services Officer.</i>
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	N/A
Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Add electronic signature
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Add electronic signature

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