

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B013/23

*If not a Key Decision write n/a above*

### EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

<b>Subject:</b>	Approval to the proposed terms of sale of the Former Radlett Airfield, North Orbital Road, St Albans
<b>Type of Decision:</b>  Executive	<b>Key Decision (Executive Functions only):</b> Yes
<b>Officer Contact:</b> Robert Smyth	<b>Executive Member/Committee Chairman:</b> Cllr Bob Deering
<b>Tel:</b> 01992 588526	<b>Portfolio (Executive Functions only):</b> Resources and Performance

#### 1. Decision

To accept the recommendation to dispose of Hertfordshire County Council land at the former Radlett Airfield to SEGRO for the development of a Strategic Freight Rail Interchange ("SFRI") on the terms negotiated between the parties and as set out within the Property Transaction Report.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision

The terms agreed within the Property Transaction Report exceed the price stated at Cabinet and mechanisms have been included to protect future development and obligations on the purchaser. The transaction represents the best price reasonably obtainable and in accordance with S123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 3. Alternative options considered and rejected

An updated legal opinion has been obtained in line with paragraph 6.4 in the Cabinet report. The advice remains that unless there has been a relevant change in circumstances which could rationally alter our decision to proceed with the sale any decision not to sell could be challenged in court. There have not been any relevant changes in circumstances identified.

**4. Consultation** (see *Summary of Requirements below*)

**Was any Councillor consulted? Yes**

**If yes:**

(a) Comments of Executive Member

Agreed

(b) Comments of other consultees

Agreed

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

N/A

**6. Following consultation with the Executive Member/Committee Chairman, am proceeding with the decision.**

Signed: Scott Crudgington

Title: Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director of Resources

Date: 5 May 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.<sup>i</sup>

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## Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

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