

Record of Decisions

Lease arrangements for Medical Tuition Service (MTS)

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 13 July 2021.

Decision

That Cabinet recommends to Council;

That the TDA Director of Asset Management, Investment and Housing, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to:

- a) Grant a 25 year, full repairing and insuring lease to the Medical Tuition Service at a peppercorn rent ensuring that the lease confirms the availability of the building for community use.

Reason for the Decision

The Medical Tuition Service works with some of the most vulnerable young people in the area providing them with the qualifications and life skills to thrive. Their work supports the Council in fulfilling its statutory responsibilities as corporate parent and tackles the inequalities arising from deprivation and vulnerability.

Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 29 July 2021.

Information

The Council's approval was sought for a 25 year peppercorn lease to be granted to the Medical Tuition Service for a lease of MyPlace, Parkfield, Colin Road, Paignton (MyPlace). The Medical Tuition Service was commissioned by Children's Services to deliver services to some of the most vulnerable young people in the bay; in 2018 it was agreed by Council that the service would relocate to MyPlace.

This proposal had been implemented with the Medical Tuition Service established at MyPlace. It was now necessary to agree the details of the lease arrangements to safeguard the interests of the Council and the long term security of the service.

At the meeting, Councillor Law proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion, that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

The Medical Tuition Service has relocated and established itself at MyPlace in line with Full Council's decision in 2018, there were no alternative sites for consideration. In implementing the proposal, the Council had spent £600,000 on capital works to ensure MyPlace was suitable for the Medical Tuition Service and the delivery of its services. This expenditure was allocated on the understanding that the lease would be granted and the service would remain in situ for

the long term. An alternative option would be a lease at a commercial rate which would be a financial burden to a service that is non-profit making and whose resources are completely focused on service delivery.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet