

## **Record of Decision**

### **Freehold Disposal of The Monastery, Berry Drive, Paignton, TQ3 3RD**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 06 August 2019

#### **Decision**

- (i) that, subject to (ii) below, the Interim Director of Place, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to dispose of the freehold interest of The Monastery, Berry Drive, Paignton, TQ3 3RD by way of auction, on a date to be agreed, to the highest bidder; and
- (ii) that the community be invited to submit a business case for community use of the Monastery, Berry Drive, Paignton, within four weeks of publication of this decision and that the Interim Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing, be given delegated authority to determine the viability of such business case and if it should be referred to the Cabinet and/or Council for consideration or to proceed with the disposal agreed in (i) above.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

The building is surplus to the Council's requirements and the sale will enable the Council to generate a capital receipt to invest in other assets or projects.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Monday, 19 August 2019 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

The submitted report set out a proposal to dispose of the Monastery, Berry Drive, Paignton by way of auction as the building has been declared surplus to the Council's requirements and has been vacant since November 2017. The building has deteriorated since being left vacant and the Council was liable for its ongoing repairs and maintenance. It was therefore necessary to dispose of the site as soon as possible which would provide a capital receipt to supplement the Council's Capital Programme and reduce future maintenance costs.

A revised officer recommendation was circulated prior to the meeting to enable the community to submit a business case for community use of the Monastery prior to its formal disposal on the open market.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Morey seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but not discussed at the meeting.

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**Does the call-in procedure apply?**

Yes

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

None

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9 August 2019

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Date: 8 August 2019