

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

(Executive Decision)

Decision Maker:	Director of Hampshire 2050
Date:	4 February 2025
Title:	Corporate Office Accommodation - Disposal of Three Minsters House
Report From:	Tim Martienssen
	(Summary of an Exempt Decision)

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Deputy Chief Executive (in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services) exercise the delegation secured at the meeting of 9 March 2023 of the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services to authorise the sale of Three Minsters House, 74-76 High Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UL to the preferred purchaser on the basis set out in the exempt report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 approved the strategy for the rationalisation of the Winchester office portfolio on 9 March 2023 together with a first phase of surplus asset disposals to include Three Minsters House.
- 2.2. Approval of the disposal strategy and acceptance of offers for each of the surplus assets was delegated to the Director of Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050.
- 2.3. Following a recent marketing exercise a number of offers were received and evaluated for Three Minsters House and a recommended offer has been identified that is considered to represent best consideration for the County Council. A decision is now required on the recommendation to enable disposal of the asset to proceed.

3. Background to the decision

3.1. This decision progresses the rationalisation of the office estate following changes to working practices and to secure revenue cost savings alongside a financial return from the disposal of surplus assets.

3.2. This is in line with the County Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan.

4. Other options considered and rejected:

4.1. Do nothing and hold the property, or market the property for lease.

5. Conflicts of interest:

5.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service: none.

7. Supporting information:

7.1. Exempt report and business case of the same date.

8. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

04/02/25

**Director of Hampshire 2050
Gary Westbrook**