

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

**If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.**

B110/24

### OFFICER DECISION RECORD <sup>i</sup>

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>)

**Subject:** Proposal to procure sufficient property to provide children's residential provision as part of the Residential Strategy Phase 2

**Type of Decision:** Executive

**Key Decision (Executive Functions only):** Yes

**Executive Member/Committee Chairman:** Cllr. Fiona Thomson and Cllr. Bob Deering

**Portfolio (Executive Functions only):** Children, Young People & Families and Resources & Performance

**Officer Contact:** Jo Fisher

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1. **Decision**

Acquire 53A Melbourn Road Royston, and Cassiobury, Baldock Road, Buntingford for the purpose of providing accommodation for looked after children based on the terms outlined in the supporting reports.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

Provide additional accommodation in Hertfordshire for looked after children through the acquisition of existing residential property.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**

Alternative property has been reviewed by considered less suitable either due to layout, condition, price or location.

4. **Consultation**

**Was any Councillor consulted?            Yes**

**If yes:**

(a)    Comments of Executive Members: support (Cllr Thomson and Cllr Deering).

(b)    Comments of other consultees: Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Resources (support)

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

None

6. **Following consultation with the Executive Members for Children Young People and Families, and Resources & Performance Chairman, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: ...Jo Fisher.....  
          Executive Director of Children's Services

Title: .....

Date: 12 November 2024

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>ii</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
Local	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult Local Councillor
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

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