

# Report

Report to: Housing and Technical Resources Committee

Date of Meeting: 30 June 2021

Report by: Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject: Delegated Authority Report – Update

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
  - ◆ advise on transactions processed by delegated authority by Property Services during the final quarter of 2020/2021 and to provide a year-end summary

#### 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Housing and Technical Resources Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
  - (1) that the transactions processed by delegated authority by Property Services during the final quarter of 2020/2021, together with the year-end summary of all such transactions, be noted

#### 3. Background

- 3.1. The Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) has delegated authority to deal with various transactions including:-
  - leases of a value up to £50,000 per annum and a maximum period of 20 years
  - rent reviews up to an increase of £20,000 per annum
  - disposals up to a value of £200,000
  - acquisitions up to a value of £100,000
- 3.2. Delegated authority reports are prepared by Case Officers and submitted to the Head of Property Services for approval, once provisional agreement has been reached with the third party. A weekly list of approved reports is published on the Council's intranet under "Estates Property Transactions".
- 3.3. The delegated reports provide authority for Officers to progress transactions and, where appropriate, to instruct Legal Services. The receipt of any monies arising from the transactions occurs at a date in the future, once missives have been concluded and any suspensive conditions met. It should be noted that some transactions may never settle.

#### 4. Summary Quarter 4, 2020/2021

4.1. The summary of transactions progressed under delegated authority during quarter 4 of 2020/2021 is shown in Appendix 1, column 1, however, can be summarised as follows:-

Total number of transactions
Total value of lease transactions

4.2. The overall profile of the volume and value of transactions during the fourth quarter of 2020/2021 generally compares with previous years.

## 5. Annual Summary 2020/2021

5.1. The summary of all transactions progressed under delegated authority during the financial year 2020/2021 is shown on Appendix 1, column 2, and can be summarised as follows:-

Total number of transactions 171

Total value of lease transactions £594,998 per annum

Total value of capital transactions £4,445,267

5.2. The overall profile of the volume and value of transactions during 2020/2021 is slightly down on previous years reflecting challenges in settling transactions at the beginning of the year.

## 6. Employee Implications

6.1. There are no employee implications.

## 7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The rental income to the Council is increased as a result of the new lettings and rent reviews.
- 7.2. Disposals generate additional capital monies for the Council's Capital Programme.
- 7.3. Acquisitions are carried out in accordance with project plans and approved capital budgets, to enable investment programmes to proceed.

## 8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

8.1. There are no issues in relation to climate change, sustainability and environment contained within this report.

#### 9. Other Implications

9.1. There is a low risk that the rental and capital receipts identified within these delegated authority reports are not achieved if, for reasons outwith the Council's control, the tenant/ purchaser chooses not to proceed with the transactions. However, Property Services has in place procedures and consultations intended to minimise this risk.

## 10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. Consultation takes place with the owning Resource, Planning, Roads and Legal Services on a transaction by transaction basis as and when required.
- 10.2. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

#### **Daniel Lowe**

**Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)** 

## Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

#### **Previous References**

- ♦ Housing and Technical Resources Committee, 25 November 2020
- ♦ Housing and Technical Resources Committee, 17 February 2021

## **List of Background Papers**

- Plans and drawings of the property involved in these transactions can be obtained from the Assets and Estates Team, Property Services
- Weekly List of Delegated Authority Transactions can be obtained on the Council's intranet

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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## **Delegated Authority Transactions**

Transaction Type	Quarter 4 2020/2021		Annual Summary	
	No	Value	No	Value
Lease Renewal	0	£0	3	£176,800
New Lease	18	£268,658	47	£411,584
Landlords Consent	2	£1	20	£2
Assignation	3	£0	5	£5,075
Rent Review	0	£0	1	£1,537
Total Revenue	23	£268,659	76	£594,998
Disposal	6	£39,500	17	£327,024
Compensation	0	£0	1	£936
Waiver/Servitude	6	£52,502	13	£76,005
Acquisition	21	£1,542,500	64	£4,041,302
Title Waiver	0	£0	0	£0
Total Capital	33	£1,634,502	95	£4,445,267
Miscellaneous	0	£0	2	£0