Officer Executive Decisions

Property Review and Future Management of Heritage Sites

Delegation from Cabinet 13 January 2026

On 13 January 2026 the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Place to make the necessary arrangements to hand back Upnor Castle and Temple Manor to English Heritage, including terminating the Local Management Agreement in respect of the two assets, so that English Heritage took on the full management (Decision No. 11/2026). The report is available from the Council's website.

Decision

On 19 May 2026, Upnor Castle was handed back to English Heritage, the Local Management Agreement in respect of the two assets was terminated, so that English Heritage took on the full management.

Reasons for Decision

To generate revenue savings for the Council.

Date of Decision

19 May 2026.

Lead Officer

Adam Bryan, Director of Place

Details of any other options considered and rejected

Please see paragraph 5 of the original report.

Conflicts of Interest

None.