

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM
ON FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2004. THE DECISION CANNOT BE
IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2004

Present :

Mr R Barry, Portfolio Holder for Resources

Mrs E Dutton, Committee Services

15/04 GOLDEN HILL FORT

Consideration was given to the release of a restrictive covenant of Golden Hill Fort which benefited the Council's adjacent land. A small part of the land had been sold by the Council in 1965 with a restrictive covenant that its use be restricted to service industry use. The building on the land was a Victorian fortified barracks which was listed by English Heritage as a Grade I ancient monument. Over the years, the property had had a number of users and more recently, many of the barrack rooms were converted to craft workshops such as guitar makers, book binders, etc. A public house and cafeteria were introduced in an effort to attract more visitors to the site.

However, it had become clear that the existing use had not proven viable in this type of building, which was isolated and had a high maintenance requirement. Consequently, the fort was now in very poor repair and was subjected to continuing vandalism.

The current owner had obtained planning for the land and had now submitted a request to the Council to partially relax the covenant. The proposed scheme was considered as a way of transforming a derelict and vandalised structure into proper repair, which would be acceptable to English Heritage.

A capital receipt would be received, with a rent free period for the next three years for the communications equipment currently stored on the land, which would save £3,500 per annum.

DECISION TAKEN :

THAT the offer be proceeded with on the terms set out in the confidential report