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DELEGATED DECISION RECORD

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Portfolio/Cabinet	Cabinet
Report Title (& Reference No.)	Office Co-Location with Department of Work & Pensions (Agenda Item 15)
Summary Background	To obtain agreement to co-locate with the Department of Work and Pensions at Elizabeth House, Dereham and Breckland Business Centre, Thetford via leasing office space.
Author/Contact Officer	Ralph Burton, Strategic Property Manager (ralph.burton@breckland.gov.uk)
Ward(s) Affected	All
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	No
In Key Decision Plan?	No
Date Decision Taken	Tuesday, 22 September 2015
Date Published	Wednesday, 23 September 2015
Call-In Expiry	Wednesday, 30 September 2015
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	That Option 1 be authorised and the Council enter into leasehold agreements with the Department for Work and Pensions for office space at Elizabeth House, Dereham and Breckland Business Centre, Thetford.
Reasons(s)	1. Transformation: Customers and residents benefit from the need to have reduced levels of

	<p>engagement and multiple visits to several locations and the broad aim is to achieve more with less transforming the way the public access public services. DWP has an advanced digitalisation agenda and anticipates more digital engagement with customers both online and within its premises. This project is part of the Council's Transformation Programme.</p> <p>2. One Public Estate: The Council's Transformation key themes include Digitalisation and One Public Estate. The One Public Estate programme was launched in June 2013. It is designed to allow local authorities to work with central government and local agencies to release assets and share land and property information across the public sector. Its objectives are to (1) Deliver more integrated customer focused services (2) Create economic growth (3) Reduce running costs (4) Generate capital receipts.</p>
<p>Options</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter into leasehold agreements with the Department for Work and Pensions for office space at Elizabeth House, Dereham and Breckland Business Centre, Thetford. 2. Do not enter in to the leasehold arrangements and cease negotiations to co-locate DWP within the Council's property assets.
<p>Further Information</p>	<p>DWP Report to Cabinet v5 Cabinet FINAL FINAL</p>