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Joy Dennis
Chairman
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee

Dear Joy

Call in: New Monks Farm – Withy Patch land surplus to service need and development agreement FIN 18 (19/20)

Thank you for your letter of 15 April following the virtual meeting of the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee (PFSC) on 15 April 2020 which heard the call-in request in respect of the above decision.

I was pleased that the Committee agreed that the decision should move forward as set out in decision report FIN18 (19/20). The call-in period related to the decision has now expired and the decision has taken effect. Notice of this was published in the County Council Members Bulletin for 15 April [linked here](#).

I noted that the Committee requested consideration be given to their concerns about with any rent increases and that a phased approach to any such increases should be implemented, particularly whilst the building development is taking place. I have discussed this with Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities, and am happy to request that this approach is followed. I have asked that officers liaise with Mr Crow and myself on this issue as appropriate.

Notice of this agreement will be published in due course in the Member's Bulletin and appended to the decision report which is available via the County Council's [decisions website](#).

I thank the Committee for its attention to this matter and do please come back to me if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy C. Hunt".

Jeremy Hunt
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cc. Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities