

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET 9 NOVEMBER 2011

FORMER KILMAURS CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval for the declaration of the social work property at 35, Benrig Avenue, Kilmaurs surplus to requirements and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the agreement by Cabinet of 4 March 2009 and the option appraisal to locate the replacement Children's residential house and the subsequent completion of the project and subsequent occupation of Benrig Children's House, 1 Baird Place New Farm Loch, Kilmarnock in August 2011. The property at 35, Benrig Avenue, Kilmaurs is no longer fit for purpose as prescribed by national care standards.

3. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

- 3.1 It is proposed to declare the property at 35, Benrig Avenue, Kilmaurs surplus to Educational and Social Services requirements and that the property is referred to the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support for disposal or future re-allocation.
- 3.2 Local Elected Members have been consulted and are in agreement with this proposal.

4. LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no legal implications at this time. The titles are within the Council's ownership.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Running costs will remain with the Department of Educational and Social Services until this property is disposed of or re-allocated.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING

- 6.1 The provision of an effective Children Infrastructure supports the Improving Health and Wellbeing, Delivering Community Regeneration and Promoting Lifelong Learning themes of the Community Plan.

7. RISK IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that cabinet:

- (i) agree that the property at 35, Benrig Avenue, Kilmaurs be declared surplus to the requirements of the Department of Educational and Social Services.
- (ii) instruct the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support to proceed with the disposal or re-allocation in accordance with Council policy; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Site map (attached)

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SITE MAP

