

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2005

LAND ADJACENT ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY (CUMNOCK CAMPUS)

Report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request Committee to declare surplus to requirements land extending to 2,795 square metres or thereby at Broomfield playing fields and adjacent St Joseph's Academy (Cumnock Campus) as shown on the attached plan, for inclusion with the disposal of the adjacent former school site.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council meeting of 23 June 2005 agreed to declare the Cumnock Campus of St Joseph's Academy surplus to Educational requirements and approved the utilisation of the Capital Fund to facilitate the demolition of the property.
- 2.2 During discussions with Roads and Planning regarding the future disposal of the former school site, they advised that the school grounds are used informally for parking in connection with the adjacent Broomfield playing fields and, concerns were raised regarding the loss of this facility.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1 In order to address the loss of parking and to provide better access into the former school site, it is considered appropriate to declare surplus the land held by Leisure Services which is not required for operational purposes.
- 3.2 The release of this land for disposal with the adjacent school site will enable the provision of additional parking for 6 coaches and 20 cars, the cost of which will be borne by the purchaser or developer of wider site.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The release of this land will enable to the Council to generate a capital receipt for the General Service Capital Account.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications in declaring the land surplus to operational requirements.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that:-

- a) Committee declare the land extending to 2,795 square metres or thereby at Broomfield playing fields and adjacent St Joseph's Academy (Cumnock Campus) surplus to requirements;
- b) the matter thereafter be referred to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services in accordance with the Councils agreed procedures, for disposal with the adjacent former school site; and
- c) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report to Council meeting of 23 June 2005

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