

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND – CESSNOCK ROAD, HURLFORD

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek Education Committee approval to declare land located at Cessnock Road, Hurlford surplus to the requirements of the Education Services and to remit the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the ground.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Since 1996 the Council has demonstrated a creative and innovative approach to releasing both surplus ground and buildings, in an attempt to reduce the number of surplus spaces in our schools and remove the burden of maintaining unnecessary ground.
- 2.2** The Scottish Executive also expects Education Authorities to be proactive in their approach to building and land management.
- 2.3** The Council has been approached by a local resident at 85 Mauchline Road, Hurlford to grant a servitude to their rear garden. Ongoing discussions have taken place with the resident who has expressed an interest in acquiring the land, recognising that officers from Property Services have expressed the desire to advertise the ground on an open market basis.
- 2.4** Should the ground not be sold no right of servitude will be given to the resident and the ground will revert back to the Education property portfolio.

3. SURPLUS GROUND

- 3.1** Appendix 1 (attached) details the area of ground which should be identified as surplus to education requirements. If Committee agrees to this proposal the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services for disposal.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** As per Council regulations all capital receipts would transfer to the General Services Capital Fund.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This proposal would assist the Council in meeting the following aspects of the Community Plan :-

- Improving opportunities; and
- Improving the environment.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee agree :-

- (i) to declare the ground highlighted in the attached Appendix surplus to Educational requirements;
- (ii) to remit the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to refer the matter to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services for disposal;
- (iii) to revert the land back to the Education portfolio if not sold; and
- (iv) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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