

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2006

TRANSFER OF THE FORMER ALTONHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE TO THE EDUCATION PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Policy and Resources Committee approval to transfer the ownership of the former Altonhill Community Centre to the Education property portfolio.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Community Services Committee agreed to close the Community Centre and declare it surplus to operational requirements on 23 February 2005. The Committee also agreed to remit the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the building.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 At its meeting of 7 November the Education Committee agreed to proposals to develop a Youth Strategy facility for s3 and s4 pupils, which would be located outwith a school setting. Extensive property searches have identified the former Altonhill Community Centre as being suitable for this initiative.
- 3.2 Education Committee also agreed to the submission of a report to this Committee seeking approval for the proposed transfer of ownership. Discussions at officer level have revealed no obstacle to the proposals.

4. LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If approved by Policy and Resources Committee, the title to the former Altonhill Community Centre will transfer to the Education property portfolio.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

- 5.1 Education Committee have approved the necessary capital required to alter the accommodation for the desired purpose. Future operational costs will be met from the overall Youth Strategy revenue budget.

6. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposal contained within this report will assist in delivering the following objectives of the Community Plan:-

- Improving opportunities;
- Eliminating poverty; and
- Improving health.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Policy and Resources Committee are recommended to agree :-

- (i) The transfer of ownership of the former Altonhill Community Centre to the Education property portfolio; and
- (ii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Education Committee – 7 November 2006

Community Services Committee – 23 February 2005

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