

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2003

RE-INSTATEMENT OF LAND AT HURLFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Education Committee approval for the re-instatement of land at Riccarton Road, Hurlford Primary School to the Education property Portfolio.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Land within the lower playground, adjacent to the Dining Hall was declared surplus by Strathclyde Regional Council at an Education Committee of 2 February 1994.
- 2.2 The hutted classroom on the site was declared surplus and leased to Hurlford and District Flying Club and Hurlford Homing Society. The lease was terminated on 15 June 1998 and the hutted accommodation demolished during September 1998.
- 2.3 This land has been available for re-sale since this time, with only one note of interest being expressed to the Council. Property Services have confirmed that there is no current interest in this land.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The area of land affected by this proposals is uneven and represents a health and safety issue for staff and pupils of Hurlford Primary School.
- 3.2 In order to remove this hazard it is proposed to flatten and repair the surface and improve the area by planting trees and shrubs. The final design will incorporate input from young people at the school.

4 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Property Services have confirmed that the area of land can be transferred to the Education Property portfolio at no cost, subject to Committee approval.
- 4.2 The reinstatement of ground requires to be approved by Policy and Resources Committee.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommend that the Education Committee:

- (i) agree the proposal to re-instate the area of ground at Hurlford Primary School
- (ii) refer the matter to Policy and Resources Committee for approval and;
- (iii) approve the improvements detailed in section 3.2 if this report.

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EC/JW
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Members wishing further information, should contact Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support, Tel: (01563) 576090.

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