

**To: Housing & Community Safety Policy Board**

**On: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

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**Report by: Director of Finance & Resources**

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**Heading: St. Fergus' Primary School - Relocation**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks authority from the Board for the transfer of the site at Bankfoot Road, Paisley from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Services Account to facilitate the building of the proposed new St. Fergus' Primary School.
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**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Board:-

- 2.1 Authorise the transfer of the site at Bankfoot Road, Paisley, as indicated on the attached plan (E2297) to the General Services Account in exchange for the cleared site of the existing St. Fergus' PS (E2296).
- 2.2 Note that the Director of Finance and Resources will seek Scottish Ministers consent in terms of Section 12(7) and Section 203 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 for the transfer of a site (E2297) out of, and the transfer of the site (E2296) into the Housing Revenue Account.
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### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Education Policy Board, at its meeting on the 21 August 2014, agreed to undertake a consultation on the relocation of St. Fergus' PS to a new school and to consider the catchment area in respect of St. Fergus' PS and St. Mary's PS. This consultation was undertaken in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 3.2. The consultation was undertaken from the 6 October 2014 until the 25 November 2014 and its outcome considered by the Education Policy Board at its meeting on the 5 March 2015.
- 3.3. The Education Policy Board resolved to progress with the relocation of St. Fergus' PS to a new build school, as this being in the best educational interests of the children.
- 3.4. The Education Policy Board also resolved that the best locality for this new school would be the Council owned site at the juncture of Blackstoun Road and Bankfoot Road (E2297) as indicated.
- 3.5. This site is currently held on the Housing Revenue Account and is a surplus site being held for future redevelopment purposes, subject to uplift in development activity within the area.
- 3.6. To assist the Education and Children Policy Board and to meet the Council's corporate aims to relocate St. Fergus' PS, the HACS Board is requested to agree to the transfer of the site to General Services in terms of Section 12(7) and Section 203 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987.
- 3.7. Board should note that the Housing Revenue Account will receive the cleared site of the existing St. Fergus' PS (E2296), in exchange for its site. General Services will be responsible for demolishing (including grubbing up foundations, seeding etc. in preparation for development) the existing St. Fergus' PS including the Janitor's house.

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### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial – None .**
2. **HR & Organisational Development – None.**
3. **Community Planning –**

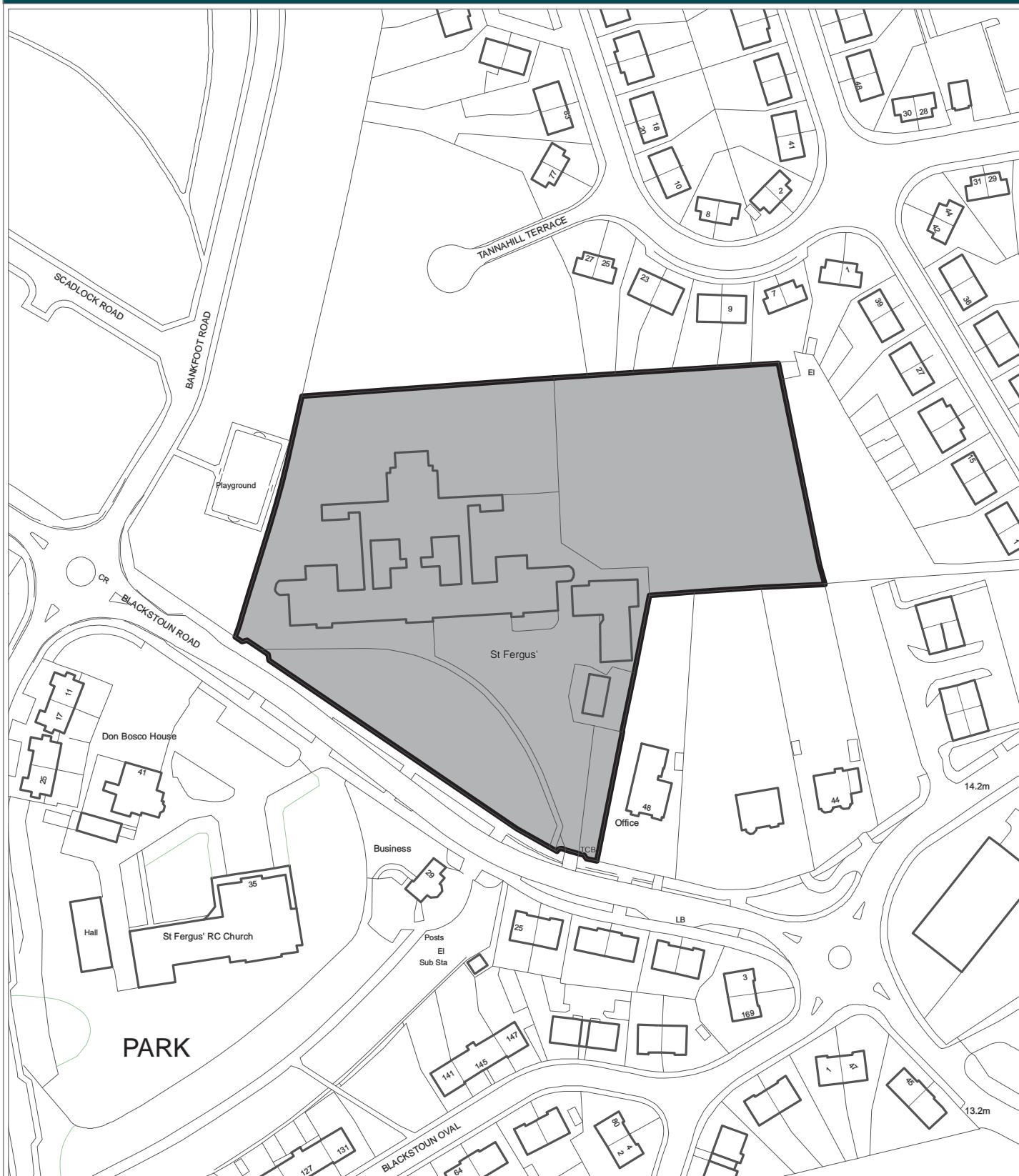
Wealthier & Fairer – This will assist the Council in moving forward with the proposed new St. Fergus' Primary.

4. **Legal** – Liaise with the CARING Group at the appropriate time to consider alternative accommodation options.
5. **Property/Assets** – As per this report an excambion involving General Services and the Housing Revenue Account transferring sites at no cost to each other.
6. **Information Technology** – none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** -
  - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because no groups or individuals have any involvement currently at the property. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** – none.
9. **Procurement** – none.
10. **Risk** – none.
11. **Privacy Impact** – none.

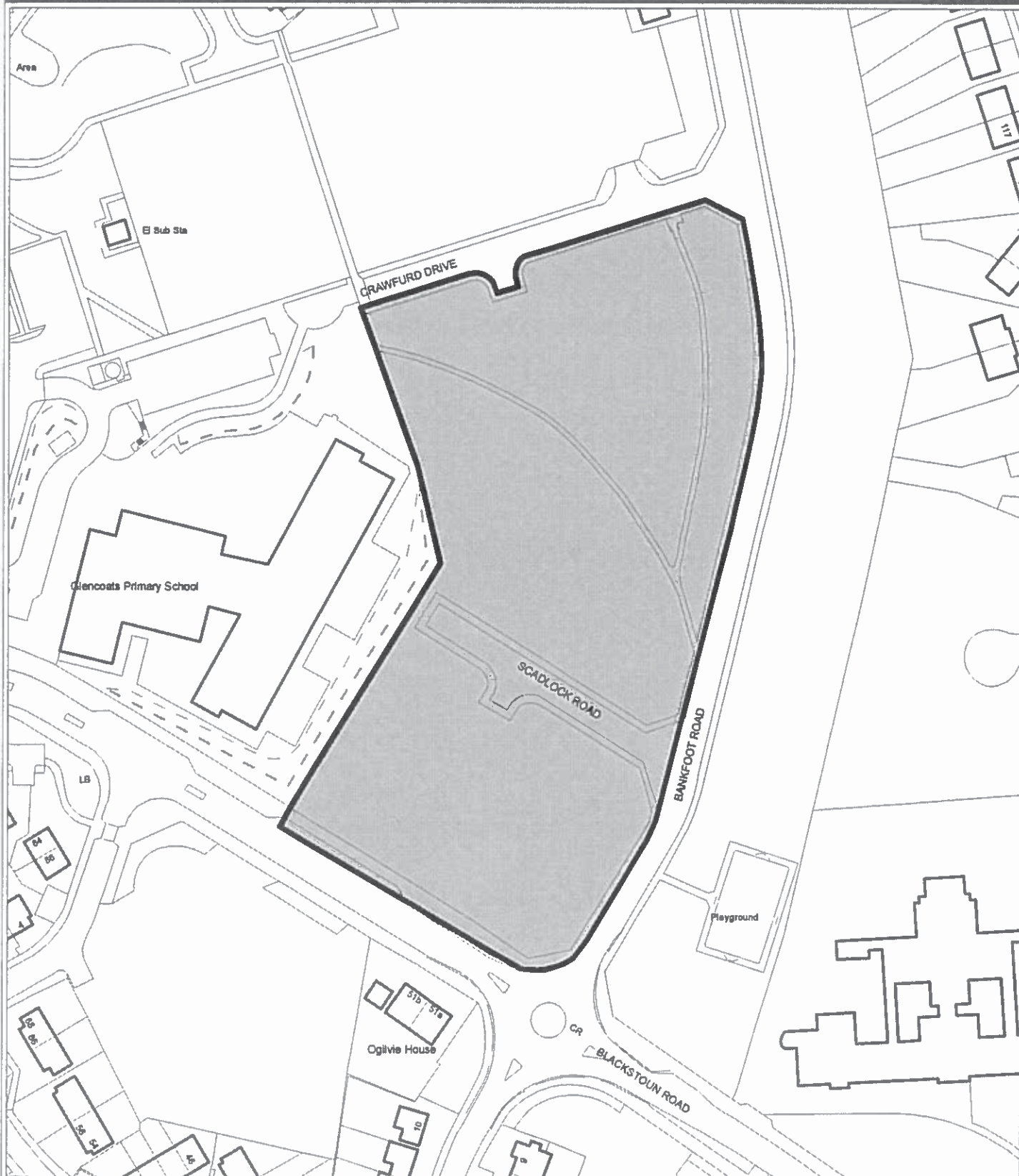
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