

To: Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

On: 9 November 2022

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Surplus Status for St Catherine's School House, Paisley

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to declare a residential property on school grounds at St Catherine's, Paisley as surplus to operational need and thereafter progress demolition.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Infrastructure Land & Environment Board declares St Catherine's School house, Brabloch Crescent, Paisley, PA3 4RG, as shown on the attached plan, as surplus to operational need and note that it will be demolished.
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3. Background

- 3.1 As the Council modernises its working practices, there is no longer a requirement for janitorial staff to be located in housing adjacent to the school.
- 3.2 Due to these changes in working practices the school house at St Catherine's, Paisley is due to become vacant.
- 3.3 Owing to its location within school grounds, with the only access being across school property and no alternative being available, the house is not suitable for sale on the open market or transfer to the housing revenue account.

Children's Services have confirmed that there is no operational need or use for the property and as such support that it be demolished, and the grounds brought into the overall school campus.

- 3.4 The current occupier of the property has been in regular dialogue with Officers within the Environment & Infrastructure Service in relation to their ongoing housing needs which can be accommodated within the Approved Common Housing Allocation (CHA) policy. Under this policy applicants who need permanent re-housing because their houses are under a closing, demolition, Housing Renewal Area or other statutory order, or part of our regeneration programme, will be offered suitable alternative accommodation. The resident has been fully consulted in relation to this.
- 3.5 It is proposed that the board declare the property surplus to operational need and note that it will be demolished, and the existing occupant will be rehoused.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Funding for demolition to be identified from the lifecycle maintenance fund.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** – None.
4. **Legal** – None.
5. **Property/Assets** – A project to demolish the properties will be implemented.
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 it is for noting only. 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.

12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None.

List of Background Papers - None.

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