

To: Education and Children's Services Policy Board

On: 23rd August 2018

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Land within Grounds of Renfrew High School, Renfrew

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks authority to declare land, shown outlined and highlighted on the attached plan, surplus to the Council's requirements in order that a disposal to Scottish Gas Networks for the purpose of installing a new Gas Governor.
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2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board: -

- 2.1 Declare the land at Haining Road, Renfrew shown outlined and highlighted on the attached plan E2604C surplus to the Council's requirements.
- 2.2 Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to dispose of the land to Scottish Gas Networks, and to allow a right of access over the secondary entry to the site.
- 2.3 Note that as part of this transaction Scottish Gas Networks will return to the Council land originally disposed to them for this purpose, which was latterly found not to be suitable.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The sale of land at this location for a proposed new Gas Governor was the subject of a report to the Board on 1st June 2017, by which the Board confirmed surplus declaration of an appropriate land holding for sale to Scottish Gas Networks. That sale has progressed to completion, however essential sewer services have been identified post sale within the ground, which compromise that site as a location for the new Gas Governor. Accordingly, Scottish Gas Networks have asked if we could review the disposal to “move” the land package some 5 metres north west to avoid these services.
- 3.2 As with the original site, the land is located on the western edge of the site, adjacent to the public footpath. Access would need to be taken from a staff only entrance to the school. Access would be required for installation works, and then annually thereafter. A right of access in favour of SGN would be granted to accommodate this.
- 3.3 The revised site location has been reviewed with Children’s Services who have confirmed they would have no operational requirements.
- 3.4 The size of the alternative site is the same as that which has been sold, so no further financial consideration is necessary. What should be noted however, is that part of the original site sold and shown outlined and cross-hatched on the attached plan E2604C will be returned into the ownership of the Council, and that land, previously declared surplus to requirements, will no longer be so surplus, and will return to the operational asset of the School.
- 3.5 Scottish Gas Networks will meet the Council’s reasonable professional and legal expenses in undertaking this further transaction.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Capital receipt under original deal of £2,800.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** – None.

4. **Legal** – Disposal of revised landholding and return to ownership of remnant, most likely under an excambion, together with the grant of access.
5. **Property/Assets** – As per this report.
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.
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper 1 – Report to the Education and Children Policy Board on 1st June 2017 entitled Land within grounds of Renfrew High School, Haining Road, Renfrew.

The foregoing background papers will be retained within Finance and Resources for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is Joe Lynch, Head of Property Services, tel. 0141 618 6159, email: - joe.lynch@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

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Legend

- Right of access in favour of Scottish Gas Networks
- Area to be disposed extends to 30 sqm or thereby
- Land to be returned to Renfrewshire Council Ownership

