

Report To: Education and Lifelong Learning Committee **Date:** 19 January 2010

Report By: Acting Director of Education **Report No** ED/02/10/AG

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Subject: Ravenscraig Primary School -
Property Surplus to Education
Service Requirements

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To Seek approval from Committee to declare Ravenscraig Primary School site surplus to the requirements of Education Services.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Aileymill Primary School is due for occupation in February 2010. Following the opening of the new school Ravenscraig Primary School will no longer be required by Education Services.
- 2.2 Declaring this property surplus allows the Corporate Director Regeneration and Resources to consider other Council uses for the site or to dispose of the site in accordance with the Council's Asset Management Strategy

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Committee declare that Ravenscraig Primary School is surplus to the requirements of Education Services from the date of closure.

Albert Henderson
Acting Director of Education

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Properties no longer required by a Service should not be retained by that Service but should be declared surplus to the Service's requirements. This enables the Corporate Director Regeneration and Resources to consider other Council uses or to bring forward a Report to the Regeneration Committee seeking to dispose of the property.
- 4.2 Ravenscraig Primary School will be surplus to the requirements of Education Services when it's current use ends and should be declared surplus.
- 4.3 The adjacent site on Kylemore Terrace is being considered as a potential site for a Children's Unit. It may be necessary to transfer a small part of the school site in order to make this development feasible.
- 4.3 It is proposed to demolish the school building as soon as practical after closure in order to minimise ongoing revenue costs.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed to declare the property surplus to the requirements of the Education Service.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial Implications: Revenue :The savings made by closing Ravenscraig Primary School, amounting to £84,000 per annum for property costs have already been built into the School Estate Strategy Financial Model.
- 6.2 Financial Implications: Capital. The School Estate Strategy Funding Model, approved by Committee at its meeting of 8th September 2009 includes an anticipated Capital Receipt for the site. The Capital Receipt is anticipated to be £413,000 received in 2012/13. Any Capital receipt will be built into the School Estate Strategy Funding Model. The Education Capital Programme contains £158,000 for the demolition of the school building.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend	Virement from	Other Comments
Education Capital Programme	Ravenscraig PS Demolition	2010/11	£158,000		
Education Estates Strategy	Capital Receipts	2012/13	(£413,000)		

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Financial Officer was consulted on this matter and agrees with the content of the report.
- 7.2 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development and Human Resources was not consulted.
- 7.3 The Head of Legal and Administration comments that a Minute of Waiver will be required in order to extinguish a title condition which states that the subjects will be used for the erection of a school, with suitable offices and connected purposes. This Minute of Waiver is being progressed through Legal and Administration in order to assist future marketing of the site.

7.4 The Head of Property Resources and Facilities Management was consulted on this matter and agrees with the content of the report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None