

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 November 2009
<b>Report of:</b>	Interim Manager – School Organisation and Development
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Sites Surplus to Children & Families Requirements
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Paul Findlow

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This paper seeks the approval of Cabinet to declaring surplus to educational requirements a number of school sites. These surplus sites arise from the Transforming Learning Communities (TLC) review. No alternative use has been identified within Children and Families Services for any of these sites.
- 1.2 An application will also need to be made to the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) to seek the Secretary of State's consent to dispose of, or change the use of, the playing field land once a decision is made regarding future use of the site.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to
- (1) declare the site of the former Oaklands Infant School on the Dean Oaks Primary School site, Wilmslow surplus to educational requirements;
  - (2) declare the site of Church Lawton Primary School, Alsager surplus to educational requirements;
  - (3) declare the sites of the former Victoria High School (Ludford, Newdigate, Meredith and Oakley), now part of Sir William Stanier Community High School, surplus to educational requirements; and
  - (4) declare the site of the former Broad Street Infant School, Crewe surplus to educational requirements.

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The proposals are consistent with the Council's Policy on Asset Management. Once the sites have been declared surplus to educational requirements, the Asset Manager will consider alternative uses within Cheshire East Council. If there are no alternative uses then the Asset Manager will dispose of these properties on the open market.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 Wilmslow North
- 4.2 Sandbach East and Rode
- 4.3 Crewe East
- 4.4 Crewe North

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Cllr J Crockatt, Cllr D Stockton, Cllr P Whiteley
- 5.2 Cllr E Alcock, Cllr R Bailey, Cllr A Barratt
- 5.3 Cllr S Conquest, Cllr P Martin, Cllr C Thorley
- 5.4 Cllr T Beard, Cllr D Bebbington, Cllr J Jones

#### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health**

- 6.1 N/A

#### **7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 7.1 N/A

#### **8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 8.1 Any Capital Receipt generated by the disposal of the Church Lawton site and Broad Street site will be made available for an approved priority capital improvement in line with the Councils Capital Receipt Policy.
- 8.2 Any Capital Receipts generated from the disposal of the other two sites are linked to specific building schemes which arose from the Transforming Learning Communities Initiative.
- 8.3 Associated costs relating to the surplus sites such as security will need to be absorbed by non operational budgets held in Assets.

#### **9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 9.1 N/A

## **10.0 Risk Management**

10.1 N/A

## **11.0 Background and Options**

11.1 Dean Oaks Primary School, Wilmslow - former Oaklands Infant site  
Dean Row Junior and Oaklands Infant Schools, Wilmslow amalgamated with effect from September 2007. A capital project has been completed to bring the schools together on the former Dean Row Junior School site resulting in the former Oaklands Infant site being surplus to requirements.

11.2 Church Lawton Primary School, Alsager  
Church Lawton Primary School closed in September 2009.

11.3 Sir William Stanier Community High School, Crewe  
Coppenhall High School and Victoria High School amalgamated with effect from September 2007. The new school building is now complete on the former Coppenhall High School site and a number of detached sites (formerly the Victoria High School sites) have become surplus to requirements – Ludford, Newdigate, Meredith and Oakley. Discussions are underway to relocate some of the continuing community activities currently hosted on the Ludford site to the Meredith building.

11.4 Former Broad Street Infant School, Crewe  
Broad Street Infant School and Church Coppenhall Junior Schools, Crewe amalgamated with effect from January 2007. A capital project was completed to bring the schools together on the former Church Coppenhall site resulting in the former Broad Street Infant School site being surplus to requirements.

## **12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues**

12.1 N/A

## **13.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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