

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Portfolio Holder Finance

Date: 16 March 2015

Decision in the matter of: Community Centre at St Johns Wood Community Centre, Knutsford

Decision: That the St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, be disposed of on a 125 year lease to the Adelaide Academy Trust for a consideration of £1 which is less than best consideration. This lease will be aligned to the statutory 125 year lease of St Johns Wood Special School to the Adelaide Academy Trust.

Background: On 1 August 2011 approval was granted by the then Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Jamie Macrae, to transfer School Sites to the relevant Academy Trusts once an Academy Order had been issued by the Secretary of State. The St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre, located on the school site, fell outside this approval as the community centre had not previously been held by the Council for use by the school.

The building, which adjoins the school, has now ceased to be used as a Community Centre and is therefore proposed to be leased to the Adelaide Academy Trust as part of the academy lease.

A scheme of works, funded by the Council (Children's & Families) is to be completed within the former community centre and this will facilitate the provision of additional Special Educational Needs places at the school. The Local Authority is currently obliged to fund the provision of a certain number of Special Educational Needs places and these are currently provided out of the Borough. Such provision is desirable in terms of locality and is also cost effective.

Background Documents: Can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Peter Raynes (Cabinet Member for Finance)

Date: 16 March 2015

Advising Officer:

Signed
Paul Carter (Senior Valuer)