

# DECISION NOTICE

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

**Decision maker:**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Assets

**Date:**

21 September 2015

**Decision in the matter of:**

Transfer of Community Centre St Johns Wood School, Knutsford

**Decision:**

That the St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, be included as part of the site of the St Johns Wood Special School within the academy lease to the Adelaide Academy Trust upon the conversion of the school to academy status. The lease is substantially in the DfE model form of academy lease which provides for the grant of a term of 125 years at a peppercorn rent.

**Background:**

Blanket approval was granted on 1 August 2011 by the then Cabinet Member for Prosperity 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 falls outside this blanket approval as the community centre has not previously been held by the Council for use by the school.

The building 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) has been completed within the former community centre. 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 presently provided out of the Borough. Such provision is desirable in terms of locality and is also cost effective. Further works are to also be undertaken within the Sports Barn facility at the School Site to enable the Sports Barn be made available for out of school hours community use after completion of the academy lease.

**Background Documents:** The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author.

**Approved:** Signed by Councillor Don Stockton, Cabinet member for Regeneration and Assets

**Date:** 21 September 2015

**Advising Officer:** Paul Carter (Senior Valuer)

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Assets

**Date:** 21 September 2015

**Decision in the matter of:** Open Arms Youth Project, Wilmslow

**Decision:** That approval be given to simultaneously accept the surrender of the Open Arms Youth Project's lease and grant the Open Arms Youth Project a new twenty year lease on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity.

**Background:** The Open Arms Youth Project only have two years remaining on their existing twenty year lease and so are currently unable to sub-let part to the Riverside Housing Association for five years.

A simultaneous surrender and grant of a new twenty year lease, could allow the Open Arms Youth Project to sub-let part of their building to the Riverside Housing Association for a five year term.

The Open Arms Youth project are keen to further develop a range of activities to improve the facilities and services for youth provision to the local community and act as an integral delivery centre as part of the Community Hub. They would vacate their current office situated nearby which would then be used as an affordable housing unit.

The opportunities for the local community would be greatly enhanced by retaining an estate based housing service and extend the use of the venue by hosting a range of additional facilities and services to form a robust community hub.

**Background Documents:** The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author.

**Approved:** Signed by Councillor Don Stockton, Cabinet member for Regeneration and Assets

<b>Date:</b>	21 September 2015
<b>Advising Officer:</b>	Adrian Williams (Senior Valuer)