

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FORMER LADYLOAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ARBROATH

Abstract

This report and [attached plan](#) advises the Committee that the former Ladyloan Primary School in Arbroath is now surplus to the requirements of Angus Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The Resources and Central Services Committee is recommended to:

1. approve that the former Ladyloan Primary School in Arbroath be declared surplus to Angus Council's requirements;
2. authorise the Director of Property Services to market the property for sale;
3. authorise the Director of Property Services to seek an appropriate storage yard for landscaping materials in Arbroath.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Training Services Section of Personnel Services no longer requires to use Old Ladyloan School to carry out its operations. In the past the premises have been used as a base and store/yard for trainees and supervisors as a training workshop for a number of occupational areas and as an administrative centre. Over recent years the nature of the employment and training programmes managed by Training Services has been changing. There is now a greater emphasis on providing counselling and advice on job search and other relevant soft skills, and on trainees taking up work placements with employers, than on learning various manual skills. Project work is still carried out – in particular landscaping – but this is increasingly entirely site based.

As a consequence of these developments, the need for the accommodation offered by Old Ladyloan has been diminishing for some time. This, together with the deteriorating condition of the premises has led to a gradual reduction of its use. Some months ago the two staff based in Ladyloan were relocated to the Training Services premises in Dens Road which now provides wholly adequate alternative accommodation.

Old Ladyloan is now being used solely as a storage facility for landscaping materials and is effectively surplus to Personnel Services requirements. It should be noted however that Training Services will need some form of basic storage facility and yard for materials as and when this is not available at Ladyloan.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The disposal of the former Ladyloan Primary School will result in a capital receipt for Angus Council. The requirements for a small storage yard in Arbroath will result in either an acquisition of lease with the resultant acquisition cost or rent.

3 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law & Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

4 CONCLUSION

The former Ladyloan Primary School is no longer required by Angus Council and can therefore be disposed of.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Act Implications specific to this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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