

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Transfer the management of Raglan VC Primary School former Junior building to the Enterprise Directorate.</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
<b>Division / Wards</b>	<b>Raglan</b>

**1. PURPOSE:**

As a result of the 21<sup>st</sup> Schools programme build of a new Raglan VC school, to declare the junior building of the former Raglan VC surplus to the requirements of the Directorate for Children & Young People and therefore, transfer the management of the building and land to the Estates and Sustainability team in the Enterprise directorate.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Members agree that:

- 2.1 The junior building of the former Raglan VC Primary School is declared surplus to the requirements of the Children and Young People Directorate and that Management responsibility for the land is transferred to the Estates & Sustainability team in accordance with the authority's Disposal Policy.
- 2.2 Should management of the building transfer to the Raglan Village Hall Association as set out in paragraph 3.2, that a report on this will be made to Cabinet before-hand. In the event that this arrangement does not go ahead and the building is sold for best market value.

**3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The new Raglan VC Primary School building funded through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme was completed and transferred from the constructors to the Local Authority in 2015. Since the new school building is now fully occupied the former school junior building is surplus to the requirements of the Children and Young People Directorate.

The former school previously comprised of 2 buildings. The Infant building was vacated by the school in May 2015 and demolished in June 2015 and this land is now being used for the new school car park. The junior building was vacated by the school at the end of August 2015 and the school have moved to their new building.

- 3.2 In July 2015 Cabinet agreed "in principal" to transfer the old Raglan Junior School site to Raglan Village Hall Association (RVHA). This was subject to the completion of a viable Business Plan, planning consent, proof of funding

to develop the consented scheme and the surrender of the current community hall (at the old school) at the point that the new hall is available.

- 3.3 In light of the fact that the Directorate for Children and Young People no longer requires the old Raglan VC Primary junior building, it is therefore surplus to requirements, the building needs to be transferred to the management of the Estates & Sustainability Team.
- 3.4 Any future agreements between the Council and the RVHA as outlined above will be managed through the Estates & Sustainability Team.
- 3.5 Should the proposed community asset transfer of the building to the RVHA not go ahead, the sale of the site will generate a capital receipt which will be available to help fund the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme.

#### **4. REASONS**

To comply with the Disposal Policy in managing assets that are formally declared surplus by their service occupiers and therefore transferred to the management of the Estates & Sustainability Team.

#### **5. RESOURCES**

The responsibility for the maintenance of this site including all costs will transfer from the Directorate for Children and Young People to the Enterprise Directorate.

The council's responsibility for the on-going running costs is around £8,000 per annum until the asset is sold or transferred. There is not a budget to transfer as it has transferred to the new Raglan Primary School.

#### **6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The future generation's process has been completed and can be found in appendix 1

#### **7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS**

There are no safeguarding issues or corporate parenting implications associated with this report in the context that staff and pupils accommodated in the former school have been transferred to the new school and safeguarding accountability has been continued.

#### **8. CONSULTEES:**

DMT  
SLT  
Cabinet Members  
Head of Legal Services  
Head of Finance

All consultee responses have been included in this report.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

None

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