

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: HARTWOOD HOSPITAL BURIAL GROUND ACQUISITION OF LAND
From: HEAD OF LAND SERVICES		
Date: 19 AUGUST 2009	Ref: KW/JIW/MR/EC	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to acquire the former Hartwood Hospital burial ground.
- 1.2 The recommendations have been subject to discussion with the Property Services of Corporate Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has been approached by NHS Lanarkshire, who are the owners of the former Hartwood Hospital, Hartwood near Shotts. NHS Lanarkshire are proposing to dispose of the former hospital site for development purposes and are seeking to transfer the burial ground to the Council for it to be maintained for the benefit of friends and relatives of those who are buried there.

3. DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 The burial ground is located within the grounds of the former Hartwood Hospital site around 300 metres to the north-east of the main Hospital building. The ground is surrounded by woodland to the north, south and west and by Home Farm to the east. The site is rectangular in shape and relatively flat with a row of mature trees running from east to west. The main boundary feature is a wooden picket fence.
- 3.2 The burial ground extends to 2,070 square metres or thereby and is accessed via a long access route off Hartwood Road which appears to have been the main entrance to the former Hospital. Should the site be developed, this route may be altered in order to accommodate the development proposals, however, any change to the route will be subject to the Council's approval. The initial access route is shown outlined and hatched in blue on the attached plan and the site to be acquired is shown outlined and hatched in red.
- 3.3 An inspection of the burial ground revealed that there is Japanese Knotweed present on the site.

4. TERMS

4.1 Following negotiations with NHS Lanarkshire the following main terms and conditions have been provisionally agreed:-

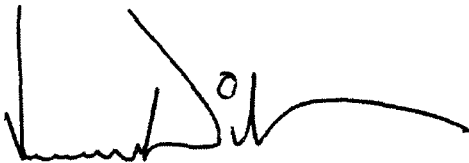
- The seller will pay a commuted sum of £18,000 in respect of the future costs to the Council to maintain this facility.
- The seller will pay a further £2,000 towards the cost to the Council of eradicating the Japanese Knotweed present on the site.
- The Council will be granted a servitude right of pedestrian and vehicular access. The route of the access may be altered at some point in the future and any new access route will be subject to the Council's approval.
- The land use will continue as a burial ground with no further interments

5. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The transfer of the burial ground will be at no cost to the Council and the sellers will pay a commuted sum towards future maintenance costs.

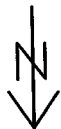
6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee approves the acquisition of the former Hartwood Hospital Burial ground based on the terms detailed in this report;
- 6.2 All other terms and conditions to be adjusted by the Head of Property Services.
- 6.3 That the report be referred to the Policy & Resources (Property) Sub Committee for information.



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HEAD OF LAND SERVICES

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Site: Hartwood Hospital Burial Ground

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