

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: ACCOMMODATION SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS – 45-51, WAVERLEY DRIVE, AIRDRIE	
From: HEAD OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES		
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1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to declare the property at 45-51, Waverley Drive, Airdrie surplus to the requirements of the Social Work Service.

2. Background

- 2.1 The property at 45-51 Waverley Drive has been used by the service for a number of years most recently as a base for the Young Person's Support Unit in Airdrie. This building is now surplus to requirements.
- 2.2 In August 2008 Housing & Social Work Committee approved the third phase of the implementation of the redesign of Children and Family Services. The model agreed by Committee was that Children and Family Services in each of the six localities within North Lanarkshire would be provided through Young People's Teams and Children and Families Support Teams.
- 2.3 These teams were formed through the re-shaping of existing staffing within localities and reconfiguring some authority wide provision for children and young people. Services previously provided by the Rushes Project and the Throughcare Service have been part of the redesign and are now delivered from each of the six locality Young People's Teams.
- 2.4 Services previously delivered through the Young Person's Support Unit at Waverley Drive are also now integrated and provided through the Young People's team based at Coats House, Gartlea Road, Airdrie. These arrangements are complemented by revised partnership arrangements which support effective joint working at locality level.

3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1 To request committee approval to declare the property at 45-51 Waverley Drive, Airdrie, surplus to the operational requirements of the Social Work Service.
- 3.2 The building will revert to Housing Services, who wish to restore the property to social housing.
- 3.3 Currently one voluntary group has access to the building two sessions a week facilitated through Learning and Leisure Staff. Support will be provided to this group to identify alternative accommodation for these sessions.

4. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy / Equalities Implications

- 4.1 The costs to convert and return the property to social housing, as outlined in section 3 above, will be undertaken by Housing.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) declare the property at 45-51 Waverley Drive, Airdrie surplus to the requirements of the social work service
- (ii) agree to the proposal that the property revert to Housing Services, to be brought back in to use as social housing
- (iii) refer the report to the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub Committee for their attention and;
- (iv) note the content of this report



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