

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Education Resources Sub-Committee	Subject: DISPOSAL OF TEMPORARY HUTTED CLASSROOM UNITS
From: Directors of Education and Housing & Property Services	
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Ref: MM/IR/LA	

Summary

The report brings to the attention of the committee that a number of huts surplus to education department requirements are not able to be disposed of in line with the council's present procedures relating to the management of surplus properties and makes recommendations on new procedures to dispose of such huts.

Recommendations

The sub committee is recommended:

- (i) to note that some huts surplus to education department requirements are not able to be disposed of in line with the council's present procedures relating to the management of surplus properties,
- (ii) to agree the procedures to dispose of those surplus huts which cannot be disposed of in line with present procedures, as detailed at 3.2 (a-c) in the report,
- (iii) to refer this report to the housing and property committee.

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Disposal of Temporary Huttred Classroom Units

**Report by the Directors of Education
and Housing & Property Services**

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 Buildings and land surplus to educational requirements and which can be disposed of without affecting the continuing safe operation of adjacent educational establishments are at present disposed of by:

- the education resources sub committee declaring them to be surplus to the requirements of the education department and that decision being noted to the housing and property committee.
- the responsibility for their disposal then transferring to the housing and property committee, although budgetary responsibility remains with the education department meantime.
- the housing and property committee deciding on either the transfer of the assets to another department or their disposal by rental, lease, sale or demolition.

2 POSITION OF SURPLUS HUTMENTS

2.1 A number of educational establishments include temporary huttred units as a component of their building stock.

2.2 Where these huts are considered to be surplus to the requirements of the education department and where they can be disposed off without affecting the continuing safe operation of the particular establishment of which they are part, then the huts and any appropriate related areas of land can be disposed of in line with present procedures as described above.

2.3 Some huts, although considered surplus to requirements, cannot be disposed of as above because the part of the school site occupied by the huts must be retained in order to ensure the continued safe operation of the school. Most of these huts have reached the end of their working lives and have no market value.

2.4 Such huts are, therefore, either;

- (a) demolished at the council's expense,
- (b) given free on an ad-hoc basis to voluntary organisations who arrange for the removal of the huts free of charge to the council, or
- (c) left to deteriorate, sometimes becoming a magnet for attacks by vandals.

2.5 At present there is no committee approval sought for any of the actions noted at 2.4(a) or 2.4(b) above.

3 PROPOSALS

3.1 Given the continuing general fall in school rolls, it is likely that huts will continue to become surplus to education department requirements.

3.2 In order to ensure council awareness of the disposal of those surplus huts which cannot be disposed of through the council's present procedures for managing surplus property, it is proposed that the education sub committee should declare the huts (but not the land thereon) surplus to education requirements and the disposal of the huts should be managed by the department of housing and property services and that the housing and property department should, therefore;

- (a) advertise the availability of the huts among council departments and make recommendations to the housing and property committee on any expressions of interest,

which failing:

- (b) advertise the availability of the huts publicly and take account of expressions of interest in the huts from voluntary or charitable organisations and make recommendations to committee,

which failing:

- (c) arrange for the demolition of the huts, subject to the availability of finance and advise the committee accordingly.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The sub committee is recommended:

- (a) to note that some huts surplus to education department requirements are not able to be disposed of in line with the council's present procedures relating to the management of surplus properties,
- (b) agree the procedures to dispose of those surplus huts which cannot be disposed of in line with present procedures, as detailed at 3.2 (a-c) above,
- (c) to refer this report to the housing and property committee.

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