
4 SCHOOL STREET DARLINGTON

Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Chris McEwan, Children’s Services Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) – Geoffrey Pennington

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members approve the Disposal of 4 School Street, Darlington. A property that has become vacant and is no longer required by the Education Department.

Information and Analysis

2. 4 School Street is property provided as part of the terms and conditions of service of the holder of the position of Caretaker at Alderman Leach Primary School. Members may be aware that the Alderman Leach Primary School is to relocate from February 2005 to a new site at West Park.
3. The new school will no longer have the provision of a property for the caretaker. The existing Caretaker will retire when the new school is opened and the revised conditions of service for the new caretaker will remove the provision of linked accommodation with the post.
4. The existing caretaker has sought and obtained alternative accommodation and as a result 4 School Street is now vacant.
5. To allow for the disposal of this Asset, the Education Department must obtain Cabinet approval to release the property from Education portfolio before instructing the Estates Department of Development & Environment to market the property to obtain a capital receipt for the Authority.

Legal Implications

6. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

7. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in

its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

8. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

Decision Deadline

9. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

Key Decisions

10. This is not a key decision

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that Cabinet approve the transfer and subsequent sale of 4 School Street

Reasons

12. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) The property is no longer required by the Education Department
 - (b) The sale will realise a capital receipt for the Authority

**Geoffrey Pennington
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Background Papers

No background papers were prepared

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