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EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE
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FUTURE USE OF VARIOUS OPERATIONAL PROPERTIES – ECS/10/093

The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which sought approval to declare various operational properties surplus to service requirements and remit them to the Finance and Resources Committee so that they could be declared surplus to the Council and disposed of on the open market.

The report noted that Councillors had previously discussed the principle of ring-fencing any capital receipts from the sale of educational establishments towards the implementation of the Learning Estate Strategy, particularly in relation to investment in new or refurbished schools. It was highlighted that the capital receipts were crucial to ensuring the delivery of the Learning Estate Strategy.

The report recommended:-
that the Committee:

(a) declare the following properties surplus to the requirements of the Education, Culture and Sport Service

- Former Mile End School
- Former Craighill School
- Former Balgownie School
- Former Smithfield School
- Former Hilton Nursery and Community Centre
- Grazing land adjacent to Airyhall House

(b) remit the properties to the Finance and Resources Committee on 2 December 2010 to have them declared surplus to Aberdeen City Council and to authorise the Head of Asset Management and Operations to instruct officers to commence the disposal process of these properties on the open market; and

(c) recommend to the Finance and Resources Committee that any capital receipts resulting from this report, and the disposal of any other educational establishments, be ring-fenced towards implementing the Learning Estate Strategy.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations contained in the report; and**
- (ii) to note that there could often be a long delay between properties being declared surplus and their eventual disposal; to note the resulting security implications of buildings sitting empty for a great length of time; and to draw this delay to the attention of other Committees in an attempt to speed up the process where possible.**