HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

12 January, 2010

FORMER CAIRNFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE – FUTURE USE (EPI/11/018)

Reference was made to article 13 of the minute of meeting of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee of 7 January, 2010, whereby the Cairnfield Community Centre was declared surplus to the requirements of that Service. Since that meeting, officers had confirmed that the site was actually held on the Housing Revenue Account, therefore the aforementioned decision was not competent, and the approval of this Committee was required before any progress could be made on the matter. The Committee had before it on this day a joint report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure and the Director of Housing and Environment which requested that this vacant property be declared surplus to the requirements of the housing and Environment Service, and advertised for sale on the open market.

Appended to the report was a plan of the property and surrounding area, and photographs of the property were circulated at the meeting.

Further to questions from the Committee, the Head of Regeneration and Housing Investment advised that due to the layout of the site, there was no opportunity to build houses on it.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to declare the property surplus to the requirements of the Housing and Environment Service, and to refer this decision to the meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 1 February, 2011, for information;
- (ii) to instruct the Head of Finance to obtain First Minister approval for the future sale of the property;
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Asset Management and Operations to market the property for sale on the open market, following First Minister approval; and
- (iv) to instruct that a report be submitted to the appropriate meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee detailing any offers received, and for this report to be referred back to this Committee, for information.