

REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER, CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES

DATE: 26 OCTOBER 2010

SUBJECT: THOMAS GRAY INFANT SCHOOL: SITE TRANSFER

**WARDS
AFFECTED:** LINACRE WARD

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to declare the premises at Thomas Gray Infant School surplus to the operational requirements of Children, Schools & Families.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

With effect from 31 September 2010 Thomas Gray Infant School, Balfour Road, will be surplus to the operational requirements of Children, Schools & Families and the Cabinet Member, Children, Schools & Families, is requested to approve the transfer of the property back into the Corporate Portfolio under the control and management of the Council's Corporate Property Client.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to authorise the Strategic Director, Communities, in consultation with the Legal Director, with effect from 1 October 2010, to negotiate the transfer of site and buildings of Thomas Gray Infant School, Balfour Road, back into the Corporate Portfolio, under the management of the Council's Corporate Property Client.

KEY DECISION: No.

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Member meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:** Not appropriate.**Financial:** There are no financial implications.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None specific to this report.**Risk Assessment:** There are no specific risks associated with this report.**Asset Management:** Under the approved Corporate Asset Management Plan it is established policy and procedure for properties declared surplus to operational requirements to return to the Corporate Portfolio under the management and control of the Council's Corporate Property Client.**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

This matter was considered and approved by the Strategic Asset Management Group at their meeting on 7 September 2010.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LINKS TO ENSURING INTEGRATION:

Not appropriate.

IMPACT UPON CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES

Not appropriate.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

None.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Approval was given on 12 July 2007 for a major capital scheme to single site Thomas Gray Primary School onto the Junior School site.
- 1.2 The single siting was completed in August 2009 and all pupils were relocated onto the junior site. The building housing the Marie Clark Family Centre was damaged by fire and was relocated on a temporary basis to the Thomas Gray Infant building in September 2009. The repair and refurbishment works to the Marie Clark building have been completed enabling staff to return there and to vacate the Thomas Gray Infant building.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 The buildings at Thomas Gray Infant School, Balfour Road, will be surplus to the requirements of Children, Schools & Families with effect from 31 September 2010. It is proposed to transfer the property back into the Corporate Portfolio, under the control and management of the Council's Corporate Property Client.
- 2.2 In accordance with current Council policy the responsibility for ongoing costs of maintenance and security of the premises will remain with the Children, Schools & Families Directorate until the property is disposed of or put to an alternative use.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member is recommended to authorise the Strategic Director, Communities, in consultation with the Legal Director, with effect from 1 October 2010, to negotiate the transfer of site and buildings of Thomas Gray Infant School, Balfour Road, back into the Corporate Portfolio, under the management of the Council's Corporate Property Client.