

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet

**DATE:** 14 April 2011

**SUBJECT:** Kirwan House

**WARDS  
AFFECTED:** Cambridge

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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To approve actions in relation to the site of a former Children's Home at Kirwan House, Southport.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

Cabinet are required to consider applications to declare assets surplus in accordance with the Council's Asset Management Strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Cabinet is recommend to declare that Kirwan House is surplus to the Council's requirements and be disposed of in line with the Council's Asset Management Strategy

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry date of the call in period for the minutes of this meeting

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

The building is not required for use by other Council Departments

**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:**

None

**Financial:** The Council will receive a Capital receipt following the disposal of the property

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2006/ 2007 £</b>	<b>2007/ 2008 £</b>	<b>2008/ 2009 £</b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:** Any disposal shall be in accordance with the relevant requirements

**Risk Assessment:** If appropriate the Council can retain a measure of control

through covenants included in the disposal documentation.

**Asset Management:** Included in the report

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT has been consulted and has no comments on this report. **FD733 /2011**

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report. **LD 97/11**

**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:**

N/A

**IMPACT UPON CHILDREN'S SERVICES TARGETS AND PRIORITIES:**

N/A

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

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## **BACKGROUND:**

1. The Council approved the closure of Kirwan House a 10 bed children's home some time ago with a resolution that alternative provisions be put in place before it is decommissioned.
2. The alternative provision which was approved comprises a new community team, made up from the former Kirwan House staff. This team works closely with the families in order that young people are able to remain living at home rather than becoming looked after.
3. As part of the process Kirwan House is now being decommissioned and this is scheduled to be complete by 31 March 2011.
4. Once fully decommissioned the building will no longer be required by the Council and is surplus to requirements. It is therefore recommended that the property be formally declared surplus to the Council's requirements. A plan of the site is attached to this report.
5. Should members agree to declare the property surplus to requirements the property will be disposed of on the open market in line with the Council's Asset Management Strategy when market conditions are appropriate.
6. Any offers received will be reported to Cabinet for approval.
7. In the interim an appropriate revenue budget will be retained to meet the holding costs of the property.

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