Agenda Item 9 **Asset Surplus to Operational** Requirements

Falkirk Council

Title: Asset Surplus to Operational Requirements
Meeting: Education, Children & Young People Executive

Date: 21 June 2022

Submitted By: Director of Children's Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval that 4 existing Children's Services properties are deemed to be no longer required to meet day to day operational purposes from the dates stated.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Education, Children & Young People Executive is asked to agree the 4 properties highlighted in Section 5 are deemed to be surplus to Children's Services operational purposes from the dates stated.

3. Climate Change Implications

Any reduction in asset numbers reduces the overall levels of energy consumption and usage, which supports climate change objectives.

4. Background

<u>General</u>

- 4.1. The Council has already agreed to close the 4 properties referred to in this report. This was agreed within reports on the Annual Budget, the Strategic Property Review and Early Years 1140 Expansion Plans.
- 4.2. Following those decisions, the Council process for considering disposal of assets requires:
 - The individual Service to declare that the properties are no longer required by them to meet service operational purposes
 - Once that is agreed the Council's Asset Management Team then consider the options around the disposal of the properties.
- 4.3. In terms of Standing Orders, Chief Officers have the authority to make the decision, on removal from operational service land and property no longer required for operational purposes, where the value of the asset is assessed to be less than £5,000. Where the value is more than £5,000, agreement at the appropriate Executive Committee is needed.

5. Considerations

5.1 <u>Children's Services Position</u>

The Director of Children's Services has reviewed the operational service needs and confirms that the undernoted properties are no longer required for operational purposes from the dates shown:

- (i) Park Street Community Education Base, Falkirk
 - This property is currently no longer required.
 - Appendix 1 shows the site/location plan.

(ii) Larbert Day Nursery, Larbert

- This property will no longer be required when the new Inchlair ELCC opens. Current estimated date is August 2022.
- Appendix 2 shows the site/location plan.

(iii) Queen Street Nursery, Falkirk

- This property will no longer be required when the new Woodburn ELCC opens. Current estimated date is August 2022.
- Appendix 3 shows the site/location plan.
- (iv) Camelon Education Centre Office and Training Base
 (Note: The Community Education Project Wing is **not** affected by this)
 - This property is currently no longer required.
 - Appendix 4 shows the site/location plan.

6. Consultation

6.1. All these properties were earmarked as being surplus within the Strategic Property Review which was discussed at length in several workshops with Local Members and during the community conversations.

7. Implications

Financial/Resources

7.1 If progressed, the sale of these asset would generate capital receipts for the Council. In addition, they would create revenue savings which would in the first instance contribute to the agreed 2022-23 budget savings contained with the Annual Budget Report.

Legal

7.2 The disposal, sale or transfer of all properties are subject to conclusion of all necessary legal agreements.

Risk

7.3 Failure to dispose of these properties may lead to the deterioration of the asset, reducing its value and present some health and safety risks.

Equalities

7.4 Not required.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

7.5 The sale of properties may lead to investment that improves or enhances their appearance or provides new opportunities for site development that enhances or improves the local area.

8. Conclusion

There is no operational need for Children's Services to retain these properties and disposal could realise or generate capital receipts for the Council.

Director of Children's Services

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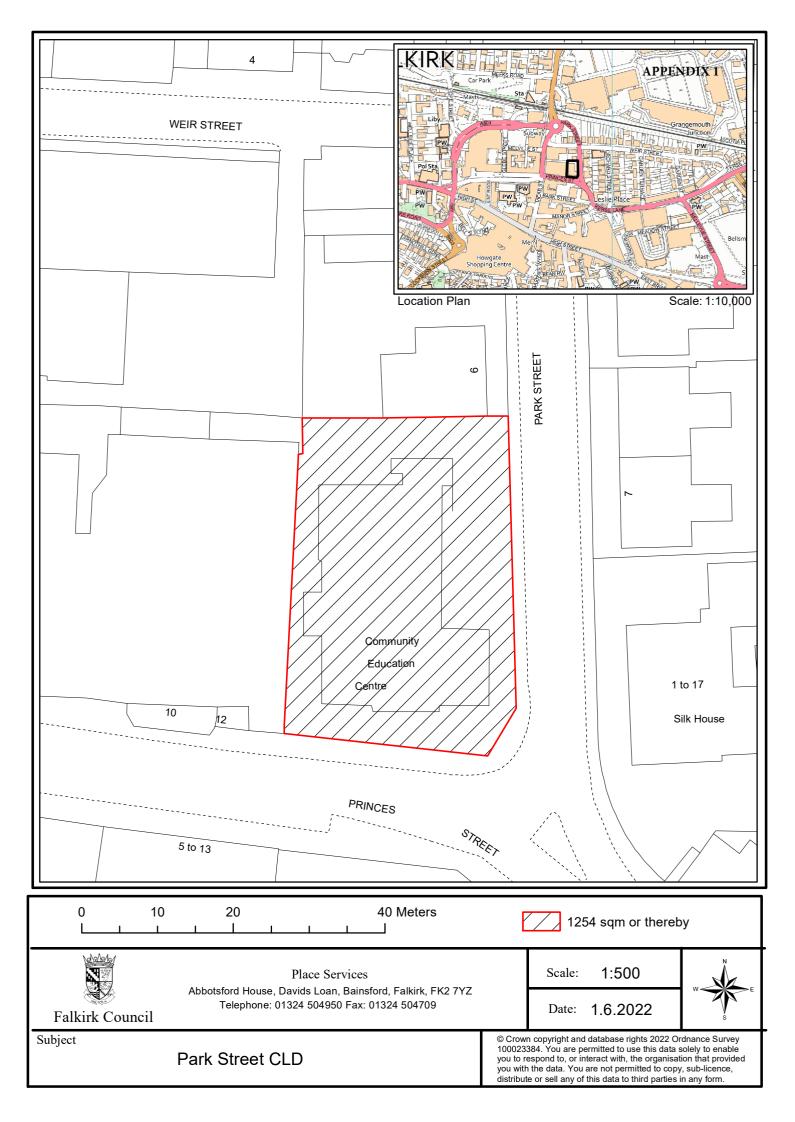
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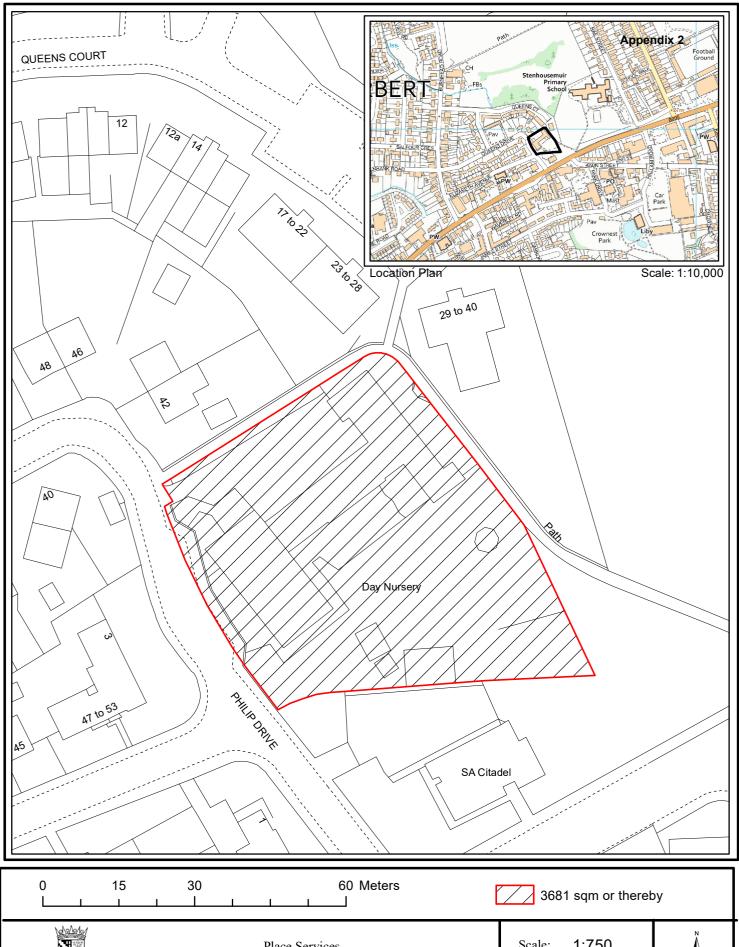
Appendices

Appendix 1- 4 Maps showing site location of the individual assets

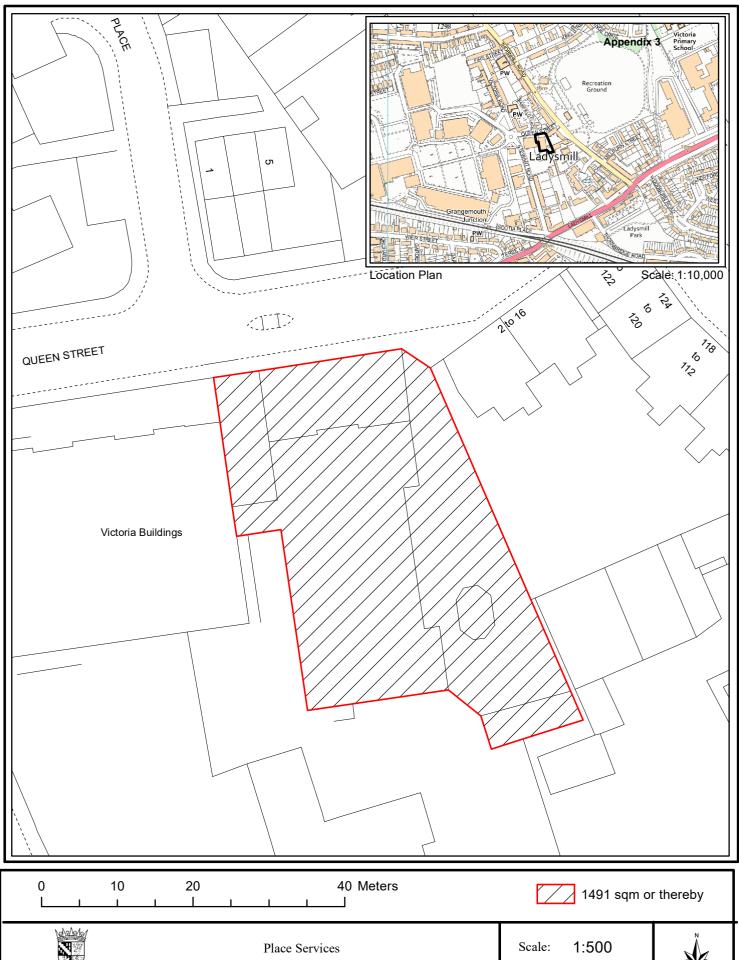
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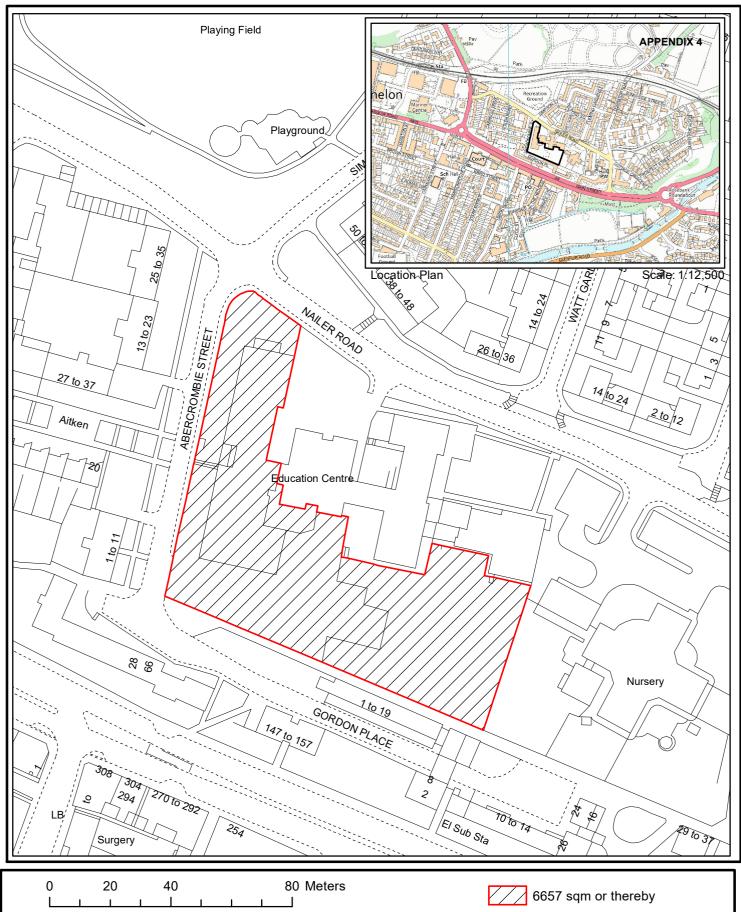














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