

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

**8 December 2015**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children’s Services**

**ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL – DISPOSAL OF PLAYING  
FIELDS**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To declare the land named above as surplus to the requirements of the Children’s Services Department.

**2. Information and Analysis**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, St Philip Howard Catholic School became an Academy. The school previously leased the playing fields from the Council and decided, following its adoption of Academy status, that it no longer required the use of this land.

The Department has not identified any alternative use for the premises and it is therefore recommended that the land be declared surplus to needs and that the Corporate Property Department manage the property in future. Any decision to dispose of some or all the site will be subject to approval by Cabinet and may require approval of the Secretary of State for Education, as any playing field that has been used by a school within the last 10 years is subject to Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

**3. Financial Considerations**

The Director of Property will establish whether there is any need to retain the land. If not, he will arrange for it to be advertised for sale.

**4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- Legal and Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

**5. Background Papers**

A file is held in the Children's Services Development Section.

**6. Key Decision**

No

**7. Call-in** Is it necessary to waive the call-in period in respect of the decision being proposed within this report?

No

**8. Officer's Recommendation**

That the former playing fields at St Philip Howard School be declared surplus to the requirements of the Children's Services Department.

**Ian Johnson, Strategic Director for Children's Services**