

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

**PROPERTY MATTERS – Lands adjacent to Dungiven
Castle**

17th November 2015

For Decision

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Protecting and enhancing our Environments and Assets
Objective	Maximise return from Council Assets
Lead Officer	Moira Quinn
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Correspondence has been received by Gaelcholaiste, Dhoire regarding Lands alongside Dungiven Castle. The school currently have a sub-lease from Glenshane Community Development Association for Dungiven Castle. They are now requesting to lease the land adjacent to the Castle from the Council.
- 1.2 The land in question is currently un-occupied, and Council have no immediate plans for this land.
- 1.3 A site meeting was held with the Chairperson of the School and Council officials on 13/10/15. At this meeting proposals for the land were outlined.
- 1.4 The school would like to lease this land for the purpose of additional classrooms. Due to increasing numbers, there is a requirement for a total of three classrooms to be initially located on site including a science room, a home economics room and a technology room, together with a sports pitch. The Department have reinforced their desire to accommodate this request.
- 1.5 An outline sketch showing the proposed layout for this accommodation is included in Appendix 1.
- 1.6 The school consider the current location as a temporary solution to their accommodation requirements for at least 5 years, however the school would consider this general location to meet its long term accommodation needs. The school would therefore have an interest in investigating the possibility of

acquiring the adjacent sports pavilion, should it become surplus to the requirements of council over the coming years.

2.0 Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee approve the Schools request to lease the land adjacent to Dungiven Castle.