



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/09/25
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE OF MEETING	28 SEPTEMBER 2009
SUBJECT OF REPORT	DISPOSAL OF A STRIP OF LAND AT CULLOMPTON FIRE STATION
LEAD OFFICER	Head of Physical Assets
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the one metre strip of land at Cullompton Fire Station be disposed of to the Devon County Council, on the terms and conditions as set out in this report, to enable a footpath to be established for public safety.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Devon County Council has requested the Service to relinquish a strip of land at Cullompton Fire Station so that a footpath can be established alongside the existing adjacent narrow vehicular track thereby improving pedestrian safety, particularly in respect of children's route to school.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	A receipt to the Service of £2,500 with all fees and other costs paid by the purchaser.
EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	An initial assessment has revealed that there are no equality issues arising from this report.
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Financial Regulation C12 (a) requires the Authority to approve all land disposals involving a conveyance.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Service has come under pressure to release a one metre strip of land at Cullompton Fire Station adjacent to a single track road, which is a route from a housing estate to a school. Devon County Council (DCC) wishes to establish a footpath for pedestrian safety reasons.

- 2.2 The space can largely be delivered by removal of the existing hedge. A retaining wall would be built for the level difference and a timber fence erected to mark the boundary. In general terms, the Service would not wish to release land on stations as most are on modest sites with limited scope for extensions should they be required. In this case, however, it is felt that little usable space would be lost in agreeing to the DCC request.

- 2.3 DCC proposes to compensate the Service in the sum of £2,500 for release of the land. The Operations Department, including local station staff, have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The proposal for release of the land to Devon County Council was initially considered and supported by the Capital Programme Working Party at its meeting of 31 July 2009. Consequently, the proposal is now recommended for approval by the Authority in accordance with Financial Regulations.

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