

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM
ON FRIDAY, 9 JULY 2004. THE DECISION CANNOT BE
IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2004

Present :

Mr R R Barry, Portfolio Holder for Resources

Mrs E Dutton, Committee Services

25/04 [WOOTTON BRIDGE NEW SIGHT CONCERN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT](#)

The Portfolio Holder considered an exchange of property between the Council and the Isle of Wight Society for the Blind. This would enable the development of a new Sight Concern Centre at Wootton Bridge and would also enable a more comprehensive development by the Council at the Polars Elderly Persons Home, Staplers Road, Newport.

The Society's current building at Wallace Court Newport adjacent to Polars Elderly Persons Home required replacement with larger modern premises. Plans had been worked up in the past for the Society to become part of a comprehensive scheme in the grounds of the Polars Home, however the full business case and details of a comprehensive scheme including a replacement home, sheltered housing and other facilities have been dependant on external funding which had not been forthcoming.

An alternative site had been identified for the Society on land owned by the Council at the corner Brannon Way and Mary Rose Avenue Wootton Bridge and the Society wished to acquire the freehold of this in exchange for its offices at Wallace Court, Newport.

The values placed on the Council's land at Brannon Way, Wootton Bridge and the Society's building at Wallace Court had been assessed at £175,000 and £165,000 respectively. The proposed terms were set out in the report.

DECISION TAKEN :

THAT The Council agree to the exchange of property as set out in the report