ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE - APPROVAL

28 June 2023



This Decision Notice relates to the Community Asset Transfer Request made by Castle Douglas Development Forum, in relation to the asset transfer of Lochside Caravan Park, Carlingwark Loch, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EZ.

The Council's Finance, Procurement and Transformation Committee considered the request at its meeting on 20 June 2023 and agreed the following:

NOTED

- 13.1 the Castle Douglas Development Forum's Asset Transfer Request as laid out in the Stage Two Asset Transfer Application (Appendix 1 to the report) and Business Plan (Appendix 2 to the report);
- 13.2 the outcome of Officer Assessment of the Request in relation to the Council's requirement to meet best value, as detailed at paragraph 3.6 in the report;
- 13.3 the outcome of the Social Value assessment of the proposed transfer as detailed at paragraph 3.7 in the report
- 13.4 note the advice from our Legal Services Department that as a result of the common good status of the property, an application is made to the Sheriff Court to seek consent to alienation in terms of Section 75 of The Local Government Scotland Act 1973 as detailed at paragraph 3.2.3 in the report;
- 13.5 the recommendation of Castle Douglas Common Good Sub Committee of 24 May 2023 detailed in paragraph 3.10 in the report;
- 13.6 **AGREED not to grant** a 25 year lease of Lochside Caravan Park, Carlingwark Loch, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EZ which extends 9,724 sqm for the following reasons and conforming with s.82 of the Act for the following reason:
 - That the property generates income which is utilised to support the delivery of other Council services;
 - Over £200,000 from Capital Funding was recently spent to upgrade and improve the facilities at this site by the Council;
 - There is no significant increased Community Benefit to the community of Castle Douglas in this transfer;

• The low social value information provided does not show a significant increase using the Social Value Engine Tool and would have an impact on visitors, not locals, so can't be attributed to the local area.

Right to review

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may apply to the Council to review this decision.

Any application for review must be made in writing and within 20 working days from the date of this letter to:

Community Development and Empowerment Manager Communities Directorate Dumfries and Galloway Council Militia House English Street Dumfries, DG1 2AD.

Guidance on making an application for review is available on the Council's Community Asset Transfer website:

http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/16441/Community-asset-transfer

Yours sincerely

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