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THE FIFE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT REVIEW COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

15th February, 2021.

10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Ian Ferguson, Mino Manekshaw, Alice McGarry and Ross Paterson.

ATTENDING: Tim Kendrick, Community Manager (Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Alison Marr, Solicitor, Legal and Democratic Services.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

5. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Community Empowerment Act Review Committee meeting of 7th December, 2020.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

6. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER REVIEW REQUEST BY ST. ANDREWS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK - ST. ANDREWS CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE, ST. MARY'S PLACE, ST. ANDREWS

The Review Committee considered a report by the Community Manager (Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing information on a formal Community Asset Transfer Review request received from St. Andrews Environmental Network (StAndEN) under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (the "Act") to review the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee's decision to refuse their Community Asset Transfer Request for the purchase of St. Andrews Customer Services Centre, St. Mary's Place, St. Andrews.

Decision

The Review Committee agreed that:-

- (1) sufficient information was before them to proceed to decide the matter;
- (2) having given careful consideration to the information submitted by St Andrews Environmental Network and the authority, and having heard from the Community Manager (Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service, the Committee agreed to confirm the decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Sub Committee of 20th August, 2020 to reject the request but amended the grounds for refusal to include:-

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- (i) that the request did not supply enough evidence of the funding and ongoing operation of the proposal; and
 - (ii) the projected benefits did not demonstrate enough community benefit relative to the value forgone; and
- (3) Fife Council officers would enter into further discussions with St AndEN to consider other potential options for the development of their proposals
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