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

7th December, 2020.

2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.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.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

2. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT REVIEW GUIDANCE NOTES**

Decision

The Review Committee noted the terms of the Guidance Notes.

3. **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER REVIEW REQUEST BY ST. ANDREWS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK - ST. ANDREWS CUSTOMER SERVICES CENTRE, ST. MARY'S PLACE, ST. ANDREWS**

The Review Committee considered the Community Asset Transfer Review request submitted by St. Andrews Environmental Network in respect of the decision to refuse the Transfer Request for the purchase of St. Andrews Customer Services Centre, St. Mary's Place, St. Andrews.

Decision

The Review Committee agreed that:-

- (1) the updated business plan presented by St Andrews Environmental Network should be taken into consideration to address the fact that the Customer Services Centre would not be vacated by the Council;
- (2) sufficient information was not before them to proceed to decide the matter; and
- (3) the following additional information required to be provided by way of written submissions:-
 - (a) the Council's Community Asset Transfer Evaluation Panel be requested to review and evaluate the updated Business Plan provided by St.AnEn and provide feedback to the Committee on the viability of the proposal; and
 - (b) the Council to provide further information on the current use of the asset and future proposals including:-
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- (i) decision making to date and whether the building was still to close;
 - (ii) the cost of retaining and maintaining the asset; and
 - (iii) the cost and consequences of relocation were the request to be approved.
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