

MINUTE of MEETING of the ASSET TRANSFER COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 24 FEBRUARY 2020.

Present – Councillors Alison Adamson, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Dave King, David Tait

Apologies – Councillor Dom McGuire (Chair), David Dodds, Charles Kennedy

1. OPENING REMARKS

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice Chair Councillor Dave King nominated Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick to Chair the meeting which was agreed unanimously.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTE

The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 16 December 2019 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4.. Deputation

The committee heard a deputation by William Findlay on behalf of the West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust. Mr Findlay read a statement which set out the WCHCDT's expectations from the meeting and expressed its disappointment that it had not been possible to develop a mutually beneficial solution through the Asset Transfer process. Mr Findlay also advised that it was the trust's intention to instigate the Asset Transfer review process and would be taking a formal decision on this in due course.

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST BY WEST CALDER AND HARBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the community asset transfer request received from West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust (WCHCDT).

The report recommended that the Asset Transfer Committee:

1. Notes the update provided in the report in relation to the community asset transfer request received from WCHCDT for the former West Calder Workspace buildings in Society Place, West

Calder.

2. Refuse the validated community asset transfer request received from WCHCDT for the reasons set out in the report.
3. Notes that since committee met on 16 December 2019 WCHCDT had proposed changes to the validated application that was considered by the committee, but that amendment and then consideration of an amended application was not legally competent.

#### Decision

To approve the terms of the report and refuse the validated community asset transfer request.