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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL

Name of building / venue / facility

Castleton land

Name of your organisation

Indigo Childcare Group

Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation

Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SC035442 SC265660
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? YES NO
(please provide a copy)

Tell us about your proposal for the building/ venue/ facility and how you see this operating. Provide some detail as to why your organisation is well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal.

We would like to obtain the land next to Castleton Primary School to use as an outdoor play zone for our children within our Out of School Care Service that is based at Castleton. We currently utilise the gym hall and playground within the primary school outside of school hours to operate our service however, it is becoming increasingly difficult to operate our service on days when there are strikes, parents' evenings, school shows, and community groups. We would like to develop community land that lies adjacent to the school.

We would like to develop this land to be a fun and innovative outdoor play and learning space where we can add equipment such as trampolines, tunnels, and quiet zones and have our own space to develop our own garden where our children can explore the space and develop their own growing space. We want to improve the quality of experience for children in out-of-school care and the children in Castlemilk. Our services are primarily based in Castlemilk which is an area of significant deprivation with 75% of addresses being in SIMD 1 and 2 areas. Each year we conduct an equalities-based survey across families registered with Indigo, our last survey showed that 79% of our families reported their household income is below £15,000. We want to make sure our families and Castlemilk families have access to quality resources and environments no matter the background.

Castleton Primary School fully support Indigo in obtaining the land as it will allow for more flexibility of space as we use their gym hall so it will allow us to use the land when the school have an event or is closed as well as they will be able to use the land during their operating hours. We also have a partnership with Arnwood Nursery which will allow them to utilise our growing space for their gardening project that we are currently working with them on.

This land is next to Castleton Primary School, where we operate our services. This will allow us to access the gym hall that we currently occupy and also utilise the land in our own space to develop into a fun space for children to explore and learn. We need to be able to access a number of different spaces, resources and equipment to provide the CYP with a fun experience that challenges their learning as valued community members and this project would allow us to increase the number of spaces we have available.

Indigo serve over 300 families and there are over 3000 young people living in the Castlemilk area.

Tell us about the benefits that you expect to generate from this proposal and how these might meet an existing need. Will your proposal benefit the local community, a community of interest or both?

If we obtain this land it will not just benefit Indigo and the way we deliver our service but we will benefit the families of both Indigo and the Castlemilk area as well as organisations that wish to use the land for their own usage.

Benefits to Indigo

Increased space- Our Service will greatly benefit in terms of space, since COVID our access to space in the school has been reduced by 50% this is due to an increase in extracurricular activity groups. This means the children are spending most of their time in large multi-purpose spaces with high numbers of other children, reducing the opportunities for children to enjoy quieter spaces. This has had a considerable impact on the number of children we have been able to accommodate safely and comfortably. We need to be able to access a number of different spaces, resources and equipment to provide the children and young people (CYP) with a fun experience that challenges their learning and supports their all-around growth and development. In terms of resources, we will be able to create storage spaces so we can keep equipment on the land for when needed to reduce the time it takes to move equipment from primary school to the land to do outdoor activities.

Improved learning and development- Having access to outdoor space will allow our children to experience the benefits of outdoor and indoor learning to the full capacity and allow us to access new resources that will considerably boost their growth. Indigo focuses on being a child-led and family-led organisation so our children will be able to work with us on how they want to use this space to develop their outdoor skills and personal learning and development. Children will have the opportunity to be more active which will increase opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills as well as decision-making and accessing risk. The number of children with ASNs at Indigo has increased significantly across both services and as such there is a greater need now than ever to have more flexible access to our outdoor space to facilitate a variation of outdoor materials and different play spaces.

Families- 81% said they were worried about turning on their heating for fear of not being able to afford daily essentials. Working beyond school hours or studying to improve their household income is therefore crucial in helping them overcome the range of poverty barriers they face. Having access to this land will impact our children to have a better quality of experience, which will give parents confidence and ease stress levels when at work or working overtime knowing their children are happy and the team can focus time on families.

Community- Members of the community will have access to the outdoor space on evenings and weekends and allow a safe space for children to come and play in a secure space. From access to more play zones in the community, there will be improved health outcomes such as vast improvement in mental and physical health. Increased opportunities for families to spend meaningful time together out with school/service operation times. Castleton Primary school and Arnwood Nursery will have the opportunity to use the land within their operating hours to develop their outdoor programme and outdoor community groups. Other neighbouring groups such as the Parish church, the Jeely and Cojac will have the opportunity to book.

Low income families will benefit from the project. Families who meet the following criteria will be prioritised:
Elone Parent Families

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What are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?

We have already obtained funds to develop the outdoor play space for school-aged childcare services through the Scottish Futures Trust to be able to develop this land. We also have obtained other pockets of funds to buy resources ect. We have a Business Development Manager on site who will be able to keep track of the upkeep of resources and facilities to be able to maintain the space.

Our team will be maintaining the land aswell as side community groups to help maintain the quality of the space. We are part of a community group in Castlemilk Together which involves several organisations across Castlemilk that can work together to ensure the space is looked after.

Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building/ venue/ facility.

The Indigo Childcare Group is an award-winning childcare service that operates mainly in the Castlemilk area. Indigo provides a range of services such as; Early Years, Mobile Creche ,Family Support aswell as the school ages services. We currently have office space in Castlemilk Drive & a nursery operating within St John Paul's Primary school.

We also have a nursery based over in Garrowhill.

What help and support from the council family would you require for this proposal?

We would be looking for overall guidance but possible areas that if available from council support or contacts would be :
maintenance of the land/or advice and support
initial obtaining of land (land surveys)

This is all dependant on the available services that are made available to us.

Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.

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