



## Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

### DECISION NOTICE – REFUSED

#### North Kelvin Sports Development Group (Charity Number SCO40027)

To: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Date: 29/01/2020

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by **North Kelvin Sports Development Group** validated on 24 June 2019 in relation to **Netherton Bowls & Playing Fields, 70 Knightscliffe Avenue, Glasgow, G13 1AX**.

**Glasgow City Council** has decided to **refuse** the request.

This decision was made after a thorough evaluation process against pre-determined criteria outlined in the Council report of [November 2017](#).

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

Whilst the Community Transfer Body (North Kelvin Sports Development Group) has experience of running a facility and delivering services across a range of facilities, the Request is weak in relation to how it would deliver (financially and technically) on its ambitious and potentially expensive plans for the asset and also in its engagement with the local community.

1. Whilst North Kelvin Sports Development Group has a track record of service delivery, it has not managed an asset or undertaken a project of this magnitude. The plans, whilst not sufficiently developed, are particularly ambitious and could be improved by outlining how elements of the project could be phased thereby delivering the benefits on an incremental basis.
2. There are significant assumptions related to implementation and delivery of the project. For example, it assumes significant uptake of space and opportunities by local organisations and communities however does not provide sufficient information on who would use the space, relocate, take up the offer of leases, short term rentals, charging structure etc.
3. Whilst it is understood North Kelvin Sports Development Group has, following a consultation response, undertaken some community engagement and gained

support for its ideas, there is insufficient evidence of the gaps or needs for the services/accommodation that would be delivered through the project.

4. In the absence of technical documentation including architect drawings, building design, exploring planning permissions, phasing of construction etc and an overall cost for the project, it is not possible, at this stage, to determine whether initial plans including funding sources are appropriate and realistic.
5. On the basis of the constitution provided with the Request, the organisation does not appear to qualify as a community transfer body under the Act, whether for the purpose of requesting a lease or ownership.

### **Right to review**

You have a right to apply to the Council to review this decision.

Any application for review must be made in writing to the **Committee Services Manager** (details below) within 20 working days from the date of this notice.

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Guidance on making an application for review is available within the [Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies](#) (Section 17 and 18).