

Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

DECISION NOTICE- REFUSED
Gatehead Bridge Project
SCIO050418

To : [REDACTED]
Address: Fairlie View, Gatehead, KA2 0AU
Date: April 2021

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Gatehead Bridge Project which was validated on 18 October 2020 in relation to the **Former Gatehead Community Centre, 2A Fairlie View, Gatehead KA2 0AU**.

East Ayrshire 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 4 October 2017.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The Council does not consider that the request, business case and supporting documentation were sufficiently robust or gave confidence that the plans and benefits anticipated would be achieved.
- The decision must also take into account the proposed alternative use of the property which, in this case, is to extend the current tenants lease. The current tenant has been operating from the building for the past 5 years and propose to continue their charitable activities.
- The current tenant has agreed to review their letting policy to ensure that the wider community have access to the facility in line with the letting plan. This will allow both organisations to complete their charitable purposes within the building.

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 Chief Governance Officer (details below) within 20 working days from the date of this notice.

David Mitchell
Chief Governance Officer
East Ayrshire Council
Council Headquarters
London Road
Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU

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Your application for review **must**:-

- Specify the land/property to which the asset transfer request relates;

and contain the following:-

- The name and contact address of the community transfer body;
- A statement setting out your reasons for requiring the review, and all of the matters which you want to raise in the review;
- A statement saying what procedure you consider the council should use to obtain further information, e.g. whether there should be a hearing or a site visit; and
- A list of documents and other evidence supporting your request for review (along with copies of any which have not already been submitted to the council).

Further guidance on making an application for review is available within the **Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies (Section 17 & 18)**