

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST

GALSTON LIBRARY

Application by

Hurlford & Crookedholm ELCS (SCIO)

HURLFORD AND CROOKEDHOLM ELCS (SCIO) PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

Hurlford & Crookedholm ELCS operate in Hurlford as a Charitable Status Early Learning and Childcare provider. We offer Early Learning and Childcare for children aged 2 to not yet attending school. In our current provision we operate 8.30am – 2.30pm, Monday – Friday, Term Time only.

PROPOSED USE OF THE BUILDING

Early Learning and Childcare provision and Family Learning Opportunities

SUMMARY

Longer term, acquisition of Galston Library would enable our group to offer Early Learning and Childcare within the village. The landscape of ELC has changed significantly in the last 5 years and looks set to change again with the Scottish Governments plans to extend the current offer of 2 year old provision and to provide a level of provision for children aged 1-2 years. There is no detail of what this might look like, currently.

Therefore, initially, recognising the importance of the library and the current offerings there for children and families we would seek to run the asset with a focus on Family Learning and supporting children who have additional support needs aged 0-5 years.

We would seek grant funding to run:

- Bookbug
- PEEP sessions
- ASN support groups
- Groups which address other identified needs as the sessions above progressed

Thereafter we would seek to continue these programmes as part of a wider ELC offer.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Galston Library is an important part of the community, not only for the library services but as a meeting point for families. By building a service which seeks to meet the needs of these families, including socialising, social support and access to family learning opportunities, we hope to improve outcomes for children, their families and the community.

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