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Please ask for:

Clare Malster

Our Ref:

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Your Ref:

E-Mail:

CMalster@scotborders.gov.uk

Date:

28 March 2023

Dear ██████████

**ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT
MODEL DECISION NOTICE - AGREED**

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by West Linton Village Centre Trust on 20 September in relation to West Linton Village Centre. Scottish Borders Council has decided to agree to the request.

The reason for this decision is :

The range and number of benefits being delivered to the community through the use of the Centre by a wide variety of groups and organisations resulting from the management of West Linton Village Centre by the Trust. Benefits being realised include:

- Economic development - outlet for local small businesses
- Regeneration – of the building itself
- Public health – provision of activities, through lets, to support and improve physical and mental wellbeing
- Social wellbeing - provision of activities, through lets, to provide opportunities for social interaction
- Environmental wellbeing – reduction in CO2 emissions through improvement work to the heating and fabric of the building

The request also supports the Council Plan 2022/23 outcome of Empowered, Vibrant Communities - the Scottish Borders has thriving, inclusive communities where people support each other and take responsibility for their local area.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to lease of the building to you. If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address below by 30 August 2023. The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the lease within a reasonable time.

Right to Review

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may apply to Scottish Borders Council to review this decision.

Any application for review must be made in writing to Clare Malster, cmalster@scotborders.gov.uk by 24 April 2023, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Guidance on making an application for review is available at [The Asset Transfer Request \(Review Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Clare Malster at cmalster@scotborders.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



JOHN CURRY
DIRECTOR – INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT