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## **ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT DECISION NOTICE - REFUSED**

This Decision Notice relates to the review of the decision to refuse the asset transfer request submitted by Kelburne Hockey and Community Sports Club on 20 May 2022 in relation to Ralston Community Sports Centre, Penilee Road, Paisley PA1 3RA.

The Renfrewshire Council Community Asset Transfer Review Sub-committee met on 22 March 2023 where the decision was taken to refuse the asset transfer request. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

1. That the reasons for refusal determined by the Council's CAT Panel, detailed in the Decision Notice date 30 August 2022 and set out below, remained valid and had not been adequately addressed throughout the review process.
  - (i) *Uncertainty of funding available to carry out works detailed in the CAT Request; and*
  - (ii) *Impact of the significant degree of community opposition to the CAT Request on community cohesion*

*The final paragraph of section 82(3) of Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, requires the Council to consider "such other matters (whether or not included in or arising out of the request) as the authority considers relevant". One aspect recommended that relevant authorities consider under this heading is community support for proposals and any potential impact on other community groups.*



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*One of the intended benefits of Community Asset Transfer is to increase community cohesion and resilience. In the case of KHCSC's request for Ralston Community Sports Centre, the Panel considers the impact of opposition to the transfer on community cohesion, to be detrimental to the net benefit(s) of the transfer.*

2. That the lack of availability at the facility for members of the public at evenings and weekends was of detriment to the local community and that this was not outweighed by the benefits of the proposal.

### Right to Appeal

Under Section 88 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

An appeal form has been appended to this notice. Completed forms should be submitted to Community Empowerment Team, Area 3F North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ or to [community.empowerment@gov.scot](mailto:community.empowerment@gov.scot) by 27 April 2023 which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Further information around submitting an appeal, including timescales and documents required, is contained in the Community Asset Transfer Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies which is published here: [www.gov.scot/publications/asset-transfer-under-community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015-guidance-community-9781786527509/documents/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/asset-transfer-under-community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015-guidance-community-9781786527509/documents/)

Yours sincerely

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