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Date: 19 November 2020

Dear Jackie,

Shetland Islands Council Community Asset Transfer – Decision Notice

Application from Bressay Development Ltd. – RECEIVED 20 December 2019

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Bressay Development Ltd. (BDL) on 20 December 2019 in relation to the land and buildings of the former Bressay School, Bressay.

Decision

Shetland Islands Council has decided to agree to the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- BDL have a strong track record of delivering benefits to their local community and of involving local people in their work. The group have overcome a number of challenges, not least in helping the Bressay community during the COVID-19 pandemic. This record of accomplishment offers assurance that BDL have a high chance of succeeding in their future activities and maintaining successful occupancy of the former Bressay School.
- Analysis of Best Value indicates that the proposed transfer can be justified, as this asset is not high value. Although the proposed offer for the asset is very small the benefits that have already been delivered, and can be delivered through the continued occupancy of BDL, are significant. The proposals also demonstrate excellent partnership working between BDL and a number of Community Planning Partners and help to demonstrate SIC and partner commitment to the ideals of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to transfer ownership of the land to you. If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address above by 6 May 2021. 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 transfer 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 the Council to review this decision. Any application for review must be made in writing to Community Planning and Development by 18 December 2020, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Guidance on making an application for review is available at www.shetland.gov.uk/communityplanning/CommunityEmpowerment.asp

Yours sincerely,

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