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ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST Representation Submissions / CTB Feedback

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets out that people are to be made aware that an asset transfer request has been submitted. Notification has been published via the Moray Council website [insert short link], advertised via Moray Council social media sites, Moray Community Planning Partnership website [insert link] and social media sites; notification to any tenant/owner/occupier of said asset and notification at the site of the asset. These notifications explain how representation can be submitted.

When representation is received in response to these notices, the Moray Council must send copies to the community transfer body for comment/feedback. Details of which can be found below. In order to comply with data protection requirements, any personal information will be 'blacked out' from these documents before submission to you.

Date of Representation period (40 working days):	28/06/19 – 23/08/19
Number of Representation(s) received:	14

Date collated Representation sent to CTB:	26/07/19
Date of CTB Feedback to representation (20 working days)	27/08/19 – 23/09/19
Deadline date of feedback submission to CAT	COP 24/09/19

All comments/feedback received will be published via the Moray Council website for public information.

If the CTB feel they are unable to meet the comment/feedback deadline; they should contact the CAT team to discuss.

Date Received:	26/06/19
Comments Received:	I wish to support the Community Asset Transfer as Forres Town Hall is such a valuable asset to our town. The building is continually used by local groups for various reasons. It is available for public and private hire and is now the base for the Forres Area community Trust office and staff who do so much good work in keeping the building going.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	05/07/19
Comments Received:	The Town Hall is an asset that is essential to the community, it is the only facility able to accommodate large numbers of people for community events, concerts, etc. Forres Camera Club are hosting a competition involving all of the camera clubs in Grampian and it is the only facility in Forres that could accommodate the number of people attending at an affordable cost. The loss of the town hall should it not be transferred would be a major loss to the people of Forres and the area, and add greatly to the deterioration of the High Street. It has suffered through years of neglect and the work in the last year has changed it from a dingy unwelcoming place to a vibrant and welcoming place.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	05/07/19
Comments Received:	Fully supportive. It is immediately obvious to any observer that the Town Hall has thrived since FACT have taken over it's management. They have managed to increase its usage and gain community interest and support in its well-being. They have a realistic financial plan going forward which will pragmatically address the significant building issues that have not been tackled to date. This CAT will retain an important facility for the benefit of Forres and also retain its ownership within that community.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	09/07/19
Comments Received:	As a Burgess of Forres and an active community volunteer I have watched, since it's inception and with interest, the development of FACT. The organisation now has a proven

	track record of community involvement and seemed to me to be the natural 'fit' to take over the Town Hall. The possibility of such a significant part of the Town's heritage being abandoned and left to the elements did not bear thinking about. Since FACT have had a lease, the building has been freshened up, made more welcoming and looks cared for. To pass along the High Street and see the front door open every day indicates that Forres is 'open for business'; come in and see what is on offer. I fully support this application, by a well organised body, to ensure a good future for Forres Town Hall.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	11/07/19
Comments Received:	An extensive survey of all the large and significant buildings in the greater vicinity of Forres conducted several years ago confirmed that the Town Hall is the only building in Forres which has the capacity and structure to provide a viable venue for the Forres & District Pipe Band and its associated tuition programme and the Junior Band. In addition to the musical aspects of the band, by providing free tuition to youngsters over the age of 8, we give them a skill for life and access to a wholesome environment based on mutual respect and interdependency. In particular we have 35 youngsters learning to play the pipes and drums in our tuition Scheme and a further 15 youngsters (and growing) in our junior band. This has taken a good few years to set up purely through the efforts of a team of volunteers and the Town has embraced the band a never before. Should the asset not be transferred to FACT then the band would have nowhere to practice nor would the the youngsters have a tuition venue. It would therefore be almost impossible to keep the band and the tuition scheme going in its present form. To loose the Town Hall would not only be catastrophic for the band but it would also undermine a valuable social and skill based programme for the 50 + youngsters within our Tuition Scheme.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	24/07/19
Comments Received:	I just wanted to add my support to the many other people in Forres with whom I have spoken and who will hopefully take the time to register their support in writing. Well done to FACT for taking the brave decision to apply to take over our Town Hall. It is a hugely important facility for the town

	and we are all very grateful to the FACT team for applying for the Community Asset transfer. FACT are a very credible organisation with exactly the skills and connections required to make a success of this and there is already strong evidence that by taking this into local control the facility is already much better managed and maintained. Exactly the same thing happened with the Tolbooth in Forres which was taken over by Forres Heritage Trust and is unrecognisable today over the dilapidated building taken over from the Council 5 years or so ago. Community ownership has been proven to work and this is another great example which should be encouraged by all in Forres who care for the long term future of the town.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	02/08/19
Comments Received:	This will ensure that a much-loved and well used building in the centre of the town can continue to offer facilities to community groups and individuals for various activities. It will also expand and develop new initiatives to attract people of all ages. It will be well managed by an established board of volunteers, with the help and support of an experienced Development Officer and several other part-time paid staff.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	20/08/19
Comments Received:	It has been great seen what FACT done to the Forres Town Hall at present time with the present lease. Looking forward to when FACT take over the running of Forres Town Hall, when they get to end of the Capital Asset Transfer process.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	20/08/19
Comments Received:	Please help the transfer to go ok.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	21/08/19
Comments Received:	Properly run and organised, the Town Hall in Forres is a

	huge asset to the community. Badly run or organised it is a huge drain to the same community. The people in FACT and Forres are proving they have the ambition and skills to make it the asset it can be.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	22/08/19
Comments Received:	I wholly support the idea of transferring the town hall to FACT. FACT have demonstrated they have the enthusiasm and commitment to allow this beautiful building to have a long-term future. For too long due to limited financial resources available from Moray Council, this building has been become very shabby however with a new management structure I have no doubt that the number of organisations using the building will significantly increase. To allow the community asset transfer to occur, makes complete sense.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	22/08/19
Comments Received:	We would strongly support this as this is a hugely important asset for the town. Hopefully the Asset transfer will facilitate greater use of this amenity than before.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	22/08/19
Comments Received:	Since Forres Town Hall has been managed by FACT I have used the venue on a number of occasions for community events, a public meeting and a venue hire by my employer. I find that the town hall is well maintained and administered. The use of the venue is increasing. I fully support the transfer of the town hall to FACT.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	22/08/19
Comments Received:	Forres Community Council fully back the asset transfer of Forres Town Hall to FACT. We feel the town hall is an important facility that needs to remain open and that FACT

	would be good custodians of this facility.
CTB Response:	Please insert here