

Dingwall Men's Shed,
c/o Andrew G Foley,
[REDACTED],
Dingwall,
[REDACTED]

The Highland Council,
Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness,
IV3 5NX

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT
DECISION NOTICE 29th OF AUGUST 2019 – REFUSAL

Dear Andy,

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by **Dingwall Men's Shed** on the 6th of June 2019, in relation to Unit 4b Docharty Rd, Dingwall.

The Highland Council has decided to **refuse** the request.

The **reasons** for this decision are as follows:

Transfer of Unit 4b Docharty Road would have negative implications for the Council's budgetary resources and service delivery, which would not be offset by the likely very strong community benefit which could be delivered by Dingwall Men's Shed.

The asset is not regarded as surplus, due to established plans for its use by the Council as an archive store. No suitable alternative building for archival storage is available in the Dingwall area. Transfer of the unit would therefore negate any return on investment in capital works already conducted across multiple sites, as part of a broader asset rationalisation process to provide for a suitable archive store in the area. As such, refusal is deemed reasonable for Highland Council to carry out its functions as a local authority; specifically, the obligation to make proper arrangements for the preservation and management of records, to comply with the Public records (Scotland) Act 2011.

Right to review:

You have a right to apply to the Council to review this decision. Information regarding how to request a review can be found at www.highland.gov.uk/cat

Any application for review must be made in writing to Pablo Mascarenhas, Community and Democratic Engagement Manager, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX **by 26th of September 2019**, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Pablo Mascarenhas,
Community and Democratic Engagement Manager