

Please ask for: Fiona Richardson
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Our Ref:
Date: 4 September 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT DECISION NOTICE 4 September 2026

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by **Altnaharra Community Trust (ACT)** on 15 December 2025, in relation to **Former Altnaharra Primary School and Grounds, Altnaharra, Lairg, IV27 4UE**.

Highland Council has decided to **agree** the request.

Terms and Conditions

The request is agreed under the following terms and conditions:

- Sale of **Former Altnaharra Primary School and Grounds** to **ACT** for £1;
- **ACT** will cover all reasonably incurred property and legal costs associated with the asset transfer process – both the Council's and its own;
- Community access for use of the facility must be maintained in line with the Community Empowerment Act;
- The transfer will be subject to a use restriction requiring the property to be used for the provision of affordable/community housing, in accordance with the purposes set out in the Community Asset Transfer request;
- Any redevelopment or change of use will be subject to obtaining the necessary planning permission and other statutory consents, and any material change from the approved use will require the prior written consent of the Council;
- A right of pre-emption is proposed on the property to ensure that in the event the property is sold or otherwise disposed of, or should **ACT** cease to be a Community Transfer Body as defined by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Council will seek the option of re-purchasing the asset for the original value of £1;
- Any transfer will be subject to existing burdens/conditions in the Council's title to the property (e.g. third-party access right, etc);
- The Council will only transfer property which it has title to do so; and
- Any other terms to be agreed by the Assistant Chief Executive – Place in consultation with the Chair of Housing and Property Committee.

To proceed with the process, **ACT** must submit an offer to the Highland Council within **six months of this notice**. The deadline for an offer to be made is: **1 March 2027**.

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 Fiona Richardson, Community Development Manager, **by 30 September**, which is twenty working days from the date of this notice.

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

Yours sincerely



Alison Clark
Chief Officer Communities and Housing
Highland Council