

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 APRIL 2016

REPORT ON: PROPOSED COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF THE FORMER DENS ROAD NURSERY SCHOOL

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 137-2016

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the approval for the sale, as a Community Asset Transfer, of the former Dens Road Nursery School, Dens Road, Dundee.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the proposed sale of the former Dens Road Nursery School, Dens Road, Dundee as shaded on the attached plan, to Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Scottish Charity Number SC042131.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The sale will be for £1.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 19 August 2013, wherein members approved the Community Asset Transfer Strategy. A Community Asset Transfer Steering Group was then set up to consider applications for Community Asset Transfer. The Steering Group introduced a staged application process and scoring mechanism to process applications received.
- 4.2 One organisation has submitted a satisfactory application for the former Dens Road Nursery School to be considered for Community Asset Transfer; namely Ahmadiyya Muslim Association.
- 4.3 After consideration by the Community Asset Transfer Steering Group, the application was considered appropriate for recommendation for Community Asset Transfer. The applicant intends to use the subjects for the purposes of worship and community use.
- 4.4 The sale will be subject to an Economic Development Burden which is intended to protect the future use of the property. The burden requires that the subjects shall be used in all time coming as a community centre to promote the principles of: personal development; and/or healthy lifestyles; and/or wellbeing; and/or community engagement and empowerment; and/or social inclusion.
- 4.5 The Assessment and Scoring process has been developed to give a weighting of 10% for Governance, 30% for Finance and Business Planning, 50% for Community Benefits and 10% for Market Value (where applicable). The high level of weighting allocated to Community Benefits reflects the Council's commitment to ensure that local communities are consulted and have ownership of a lease, or asset transfer being approved in their respective multi-member Wards and Community Areas.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

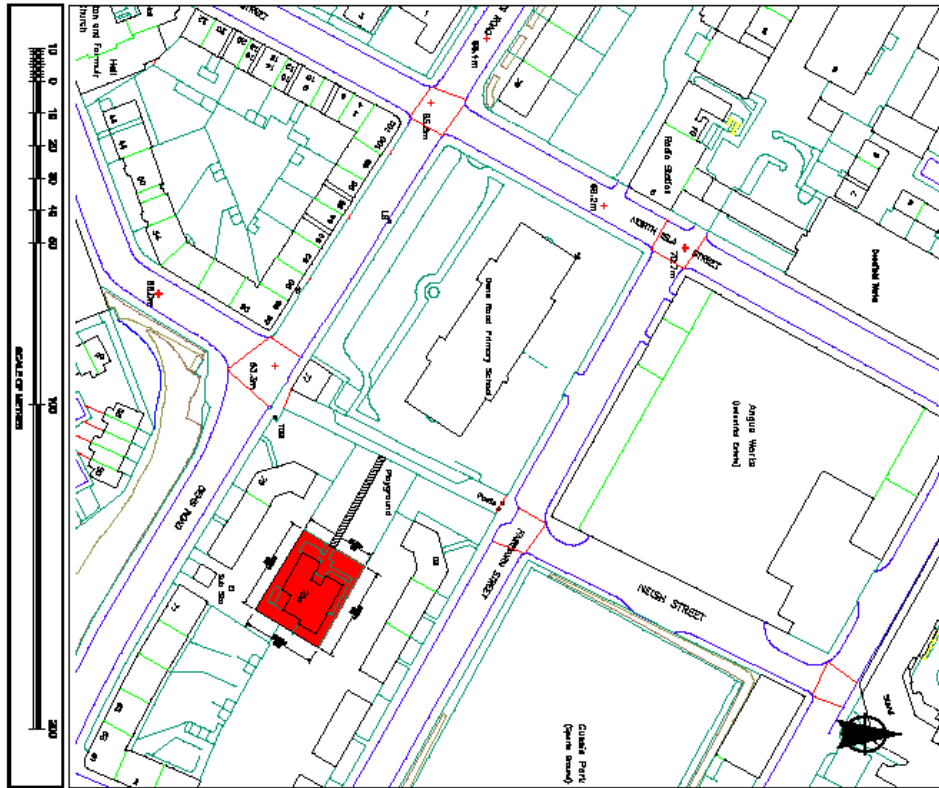
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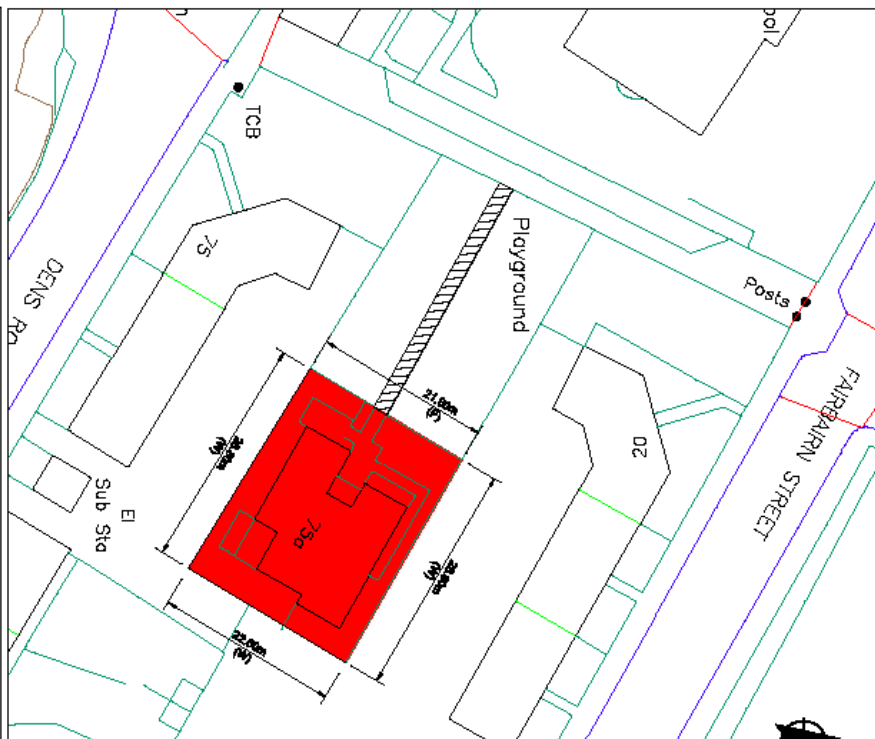
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30 March 2016

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