

ITEM No ...6.....

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 31 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT ON: PROPOSED COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF THE FORMER BOTHY,
BALUNIE DRIVE, DUNDEE

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 323-2016

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the transfer, as a Community Asset Transfer, of the former Bothy, Balunie Drive, Dundee.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the proposed transfer of the former Bothy, Balunie Drive, Dundee as shaded on the attached plan, to East Dundee Environment Network (EDEN), Scottish Charity Number SC0029884.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Community Asset Transfer will be for the sum of £1.00.

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, namely East Dundee Environment Network (EDEN), has submitted a satisfactory application for the former Bothy, Balunie Drive, to be considered for asset transfer.

4.3 EDEN is constituted to advance, promote and encourage environmental improvement and protection in and around eastern Dundee. The subjects would be used by staff and volunteers to house equipment for the delivery of environmental and cultural community based projects in the greenspace along the Dighty Burn.

4.4 An 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.

4.5 After consideration by the Community Asset Transfer Steering Group, the application was scored against the above Assessment Criteria, resulting in a overall score of 66.9 out of 100.

4.6 The sale will be subject to an Economic Development Burden which is intended to protect the future of the property. The burden requires that the subjects shall be used for all time as a community facility to promote the principles of: personal development; and/or healthy lifestyles; and/or wellbeing; and/or community engagement and empowerment; and/or social inclusion.

- 4.7 Members are requested to approve the proposed transfer to East Dundee Environment Network.

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.

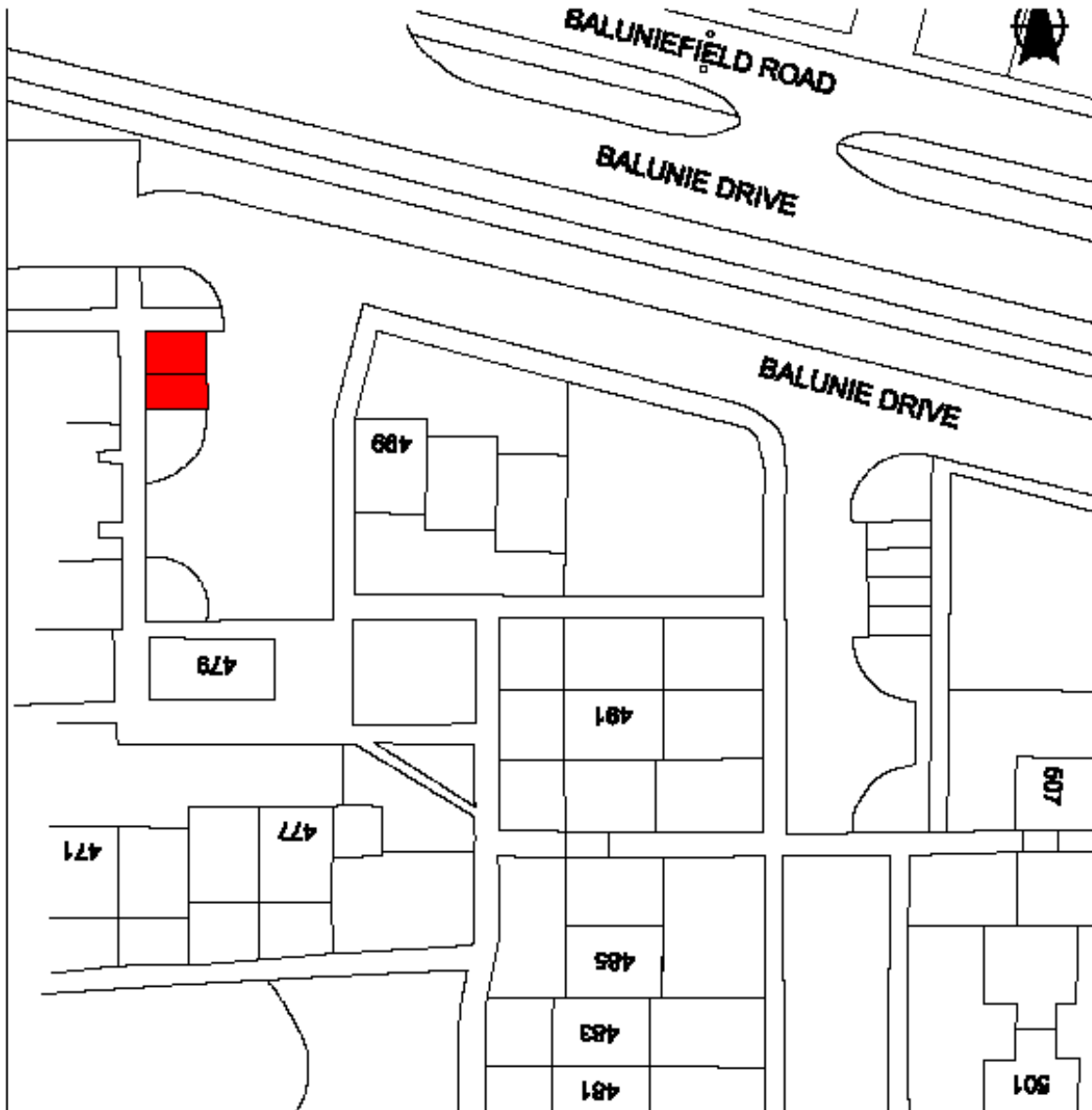
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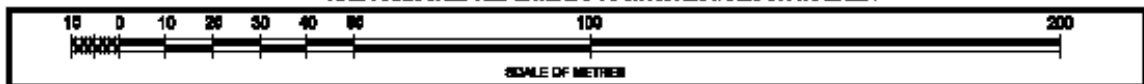
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