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## COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION - DECISION NOTICE

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Deaf Service Lanarkshire on 17 January 2025 in relation to Shawhead Community Centre (14 Berwick Street, Coatbridge, ML5 4NH), along with the site car park and enclosed gardens to the rear of the building. As well as the remaining grass area behind the centre and next to the car park.

North Lanarkshire Council has decided to **agree** to your request to purchase the asset.

### Summary of Decision

Your proposal to establish a Deaf Community Hub at Shawhead Community Centre was assessed as providing significant social and community benefit. Deaf Services Lanarkshire demonstrated strong organisational capacity, robust governance arrangements, and a clear plan for operating the centre inclusively for both the Deaf community and existing user groups. The proposal aligns closely with the ambitions of The Plan for North Lanarkshire and the Coatbridge Local Outcome Improvement Plan, particularly in enhancing participation, reducing inequalities, and improving mental health and wellbeing.

The purchase price agreed is £30,000, reflecting a substantial community benefit discount on the asset's market value. Your plans to invest in the building's condition and maintain services that contribute to social inclusion and lifelong learning were key considerations in reaching this decision.

A further document containing the terms and conditions under which the Council would be prepared to transfer ownership will be issued as soon as possible by our Estates Team.

Going forward, a draft offer will be required and thereafter considered and adjusted by our relative solicitors. Final dates for submission of the formal offer will be confirmed in due course but will be expected no later than 6 months from the date on the terms and conditions document.

For clarity, the formal offer must reflect the final terms and conditions agreed and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.



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Right to review

If you consider that the terms and conditions 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 and emailed to [NLCCommunityOwnership@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:NLCCommunityOwnership@northlan.gov.uk) by Tuesday 3 June 2025, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Guidance on making an application for review is available at <http://www.beta.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer>

If you require any additional information, please contact my colleague Gary Stark on:

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For any legal matters or clarifications, we recommend you consult a solicitor for advice.

Yours sincerely

**Stephen Penman**  
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**Note: Heads of Terms will be issued by NLC – Estates Team**