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Rural Rest

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Dear [REDACTED]

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION - DECISION NOTICE (FINAL)

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Rural Rest on the 19 September 2025 in relation to a lease arrangement for land on the southeast corner of Cecil Street Park in (Ward 11 – Coatbridge South)

North Lanarkshire Council has decided to **agree** to your request to lease part of the asset

Summary of Decision

Your proposal to establish an outdoor wellbeing space for therapeutic and recreational activities was assessed as providing significant social and community benefit.

The Council also recognises that Rural Rest presents a good strategic fit with The Plan for North Lanarkshire as well as other council strategies, particularly around health and wellbeing, place-based prevention, green network use, and community wealth building.

With these points in mind, the offer from Rural Rest of £1.00 per year for a 20-year lease of the southeast corner of the park has been accepted by North Lanarkshire Council – Communities Committee.

A further letter containing the Heads of Terms under which the Council would be prepared to authorise a lease are attached for consideration by Rural Rest.

Going forward, a draft offer will be required from Rural Rest and thereafter considered and adjusted by our relative solicitors. The final date for submission of the formal offer will be no later than 6 months from the date on the Heads of Terms letter which is 14 July 2026.

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 asset transfer lease within a reasonable time.

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 NLCCCommunityOwnership@northlan.gov.uk by Friday 13 February 2026, 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 general information, please contact me directly.

For matters relating to the Heads of Terms or offer, please contact my colleague Claire Docherty by email on: dochertycl@northlan.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Gary Stark
Assistant Community Partnership Officer

Enclosed:

- 1. Heads of Terms**