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Dear John

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your asset transfer request in relation to Former Fife Street School, Fife Street, Macduff, AB44 1NT.

I confirm that the request is made in accordance with the legislation and all required information has been provided. The validation date for this asset transfer request is 24 August 2021.

I confirm that no other asset transfer request has been received in relation to the property to which your request relates. However, Banff and Buchan Area Committee at a special meeting on 27th July decided that Fife Street School be returned to the Council's asset portfolio in order that it can be made available for use primarily as a vaccination hub by Aberdeenshire Health and Social Partnership. Paragraph 10.7 of the Asset Transfer Guidance for "relevant authorities" provides that an authority can opt to decline an Asset Transfer request where they consider that the benefits which might arise from such a Transfer would be less than an alternative proposed use and Banff and Buchan Area Committee acted on that basis in reaching their decision to allow Aberdeenshire Health and Social Partnership to use the School primarily as a vaccination hub.

Your asset transfer request will still be processed according to the legislation. Following the Banff & Buchan Asset Transfer Meeting held on 9 September 2021 gaps within the submission have been identified. This is attached for your consideration. You can address these as per the timeline below or alternatively request that we proceed with your application without any adjustment or amendment.

Notice of this asset transfer request will be published online at <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/asset-transfer/> and sent to any tenants or occupiers of the land or building. Any representations made to the Council about this request will be copied to you at the contact address provided in your request, and you will have at least 20 working days to comment on them.

The request will be considered by Banff and Buchan Asset Transfer Group as follows:

Date officers start work on the analysis of the business plan	09 September 2021
Gaps identified in submission and sent to group for opportunity to address	14 September 2021
Date group to respond to gaps identified	11 October 2021
Date Asset Group meet to consider additional information	w/c 25 October 2021
Draft Report to Monitoring	08 November 2021
Final Report to Area Committee	11 November 2021
Date Area Committee papers published	17 November 2021
Date Area Committee	23 November 2021

We will give you notice of our decision whether to agree to or refuse your request, and our reasons for that decision, by 23 February 2022.

If you do not receive a decision by that date, you may apply for a review of the case. You may also apply for a review if your request is refused, or if the request is agreed but the decision notice specifies material terms or conditions which differ to a significant extent from those specified in the request. Guidance on applying for a review will be made available and an application for review should be sent to me.

If you have any questions about the asset transfer process or the additional information requested, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Angela Keith
Area Manager Banff and Buchan