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Our Ref: CAT/064/ATR

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Dear Play Aberlour Members

CAT/064/ATR DECISION NOTICE – REFUSED

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made on 3 January 2020 by Play Aberlour in relation to Alice Littler Park, Aberlour.

Moray Council has decided to refuse the request for the transfer of ownership of the property for the following reasons:

- (a) The strength of Play Aberlour's business case is considered to be weak. Although the projected benefits could be considered acceptable and could lead to value for money, the organisation's governance and financial management arrangements are considered weak, evidenced by:
 - (i) its failure to submit financial statements to the Scottish charity regulator within the required 9 months of its year end. At the date of this Notice, Play Aberlour is considered to be 'defaulting' as its submissions are now 128 days overdue; and,
 - (ii) its failure to provide the Council with any evidence of there being a costed plan or feasibility study showing how its vision could be achieved.
- (b) Best Value characteristics were not well demonstrated in the proposal.
- (c) There is a high risk that Play Aberlour's projected outcomes would not be achieved.

The Council has instead decided to agree to an alternative request submitted by Aberlour Community Association. The overall business case submitted by the Association is considered to be strong.

You may apply to Moray Council to have this decision reviewed. Any application for review must be made in writing to committee.services@moray.gov.uk by **4 November 2020**, being 20 working days from the date of this Notice.

If you have any questions about the asset transfer process please contact the Moray Community Asset Team via CAT@moray.gov.uk or telephone 07929 785090.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorraine Paisey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lorraine Paisey
Chief Financial Officer