

#### Housing and Technical Resources Executive Director Stephen Gibson Property Services

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Date:	31 October 2023

Dear Miss Roden,

## Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) Request for Information – Ward 7 Review

I refer to your information request received by the council on 7 October 2023 in which you ask for the following information:

- 1) The number of users of the facilities
- 2) The cost of upkeep
- 3) The effects on the community
- 4) The future courses of action

# Holding the Information

The council has searched its records and has located all of the information that you have requested.

# **Response to Request(s)**

The council can give you all of the information that it has in relation to your request. This information is as follows:

Please find attached the following in respect of your first 3 questions:

Appendix 1: A copy of the report on Ward 7 to the Housing & Technical Resources Committee on 30 August 2023.

Appendix 2: A spreadsheet showing the utility costs and carbon footprint of each facility. Appendix 3: A spreadsheet providing user and other information on each facility.

With regards to question 4, officers are currently investigating what options and opportunities are

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available in respect of 3 facilities, namely, Westwood Hall, Red Deer Centre, and Dunedin Pavilion. This includes discussions with service users, as well as alternative service locations, disposal and rental values, redevelopment potential and community and market interest.

I would emphasise that no decision has been taken yet with regards to implementation of these options. These will be subject of future reports to committees.

#### **Request for Review**

We have an internal panel (the Review Panel) to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way we have handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of the legislation. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 8 January 2024. You must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling of your request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:-

FOI Reviews Legal Services Finance and Corporate Resources Floor 11 Council Offices Almada Street Hamilton ML3 0AA

Alternatively, you can request a review at foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

### Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at <u>www.itspublicknowledge.info</u> for further details.

Yours sincerely,

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