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ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT DECISION NOTICE - AGREED

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Peebles Community Trust (PCT) on 19 February 2024 in relation to East Station Office (known locally as the Old Railway Building). Scottish Borders Council has decided to agree to the request. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The repair work that PCT has undertaken to date has prevented further deterioration of the building.
- Plans that PCT has, to restore the building to its original state, will secure its future as an example of the town's railway heritage.
- There is a benefit to the local community of seeing the building restored and attracting visitors – instilling a greater sense of pride in the town.
- The restored building will have a positive visual impact on the immediate physical environment within the Peebles conservation area.
- PCT is meeting the Scottish Government's National Outcomes of:
 - We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe;
 - We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely; and
 - We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment.
- PCT is meeting Scottish Borders Council's value of Empowered, Vibrant Communities: the Scottish Borders has thriving, inclusive communities where people support each other and take responsibility for the local area.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to transfer ownership of the land/building to you. If you wish to proceed, you must

submit an offer to us at the address below by 23 April 2025. The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

Right to review

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached 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 to:

Communities & Partnerships Team
Community Asset Transfer
Council Headquarters
Newtown St Boswells
MELROSE TD6 0SA

By 20 November 2024, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Guidance on making an application for review is available at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/asset-transfer-under-community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015-guidance-community-9781786527509/pages/18/>

Yours sincerely



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