

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER SCHEME FOR THE NATIONAL FOREST ESTATE

DECISION NOTICE - AGREED

To: Mull & Iona Community Trust

An Roth Community Enterprise Centre
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Forest Enterprise Scotland

Estates Development
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Leona Wilkie

Head of Acquisitions & Disposals

Our ref: CATS17-18-07 Ardura

21 December 2018

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Mull and Iona Community Trust on 3 April 2018 in relation to 200.66 ha of land at Ardura Forest, Isle of Mull.

Forest Enterprise Scotland has decided to **agree to** the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Forest Enterprise Scotland notified the community of the intention to sell Ardura Forest and Mull & Iona Community Trust identified the opportunity to generate a long term income for the Trust and to increase the amenity value of the forest area and benefit to the local community.
- The Trust consulted with the local community and developed proposals to deliver the community's priorities for native woodland restoration, amenity and education.
- The CATS Evaluation Panel recommended that the proposal is approved as it demonstrates a clear vision for the future management of the forest to benefit the community, by an organisation with the strong track record of project delivery, and good evidence of leadership, governance and accountability.

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

submit an offer to us at the address set out in the attached terms and conditions by **21 June 2018**. The offer must be in Forest Enterprise Scotland's standard form which is enclosed with this notice, updated to reflect the terms and conditions attached.

Right to appeal

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

Any appeal must be made in writing by **24 January 2019**, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team
D Spur
Saughton House
Broomhouse Drive
Edinburgh
EH11 3XD

Email: CRTB@gov.scot

Guidance on making an appeal is available at
www.gov.scot/Topics/People/engage/AssetTransfer.