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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL

Name of building / venue / facility

Bellcraig Community Education Centre

Name of your organisation

Summerston Childcare Ltd

Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation

Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	SC256231
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? YES NO
(please provide a copy)

Tell us about your proposal for the building/ venue/ facility and how you see this operating. Provide some detail as to why your organisation is well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal.

Our organisation has delivered childcare and education in Bellcraig Community Education Centre for almost 20 years plus we have delivered out of school care for 28 years in a local school in the community. Initially we will continue to provide the services we have until we become familiar with the running of the building and logistics. We aim to continue to build on the work we are already doing by offering support to children and families in the community delivering early years care and learning, out of school care, school holiday childcare, youth services, family support classes such as cooking classes, adult learning classes, offering space to let for support services such as housing, benefits and counselling. Prior to Covid restrictions we worked in partnership with Glasgow Life to provide family and adult education classes. We also work with organisations such as With Kids, Tigers training, Carousel Training and colleges to train staff and support children and families with experience of trauma or ACES to overcome barriers to learning. We would like to continue building relationships with current and potential new let holders to enhance our role in the community such as With Kids, or other mental health support services for children and families. Additionally, we would like to promote intergenerational events, joint exercise and play opportunities with support from Active Schools and High Balls Low. We would aim to develop outdoor play through securing a grassed area to the rear of the building and delivering adult education classes in partnership with Glasgow life, Health Improvement teams, Local colleges etc.

Tell us about the benefits that you expect to generate from this proposal and how these might meet an existing need. Will your proposal benefit the local community, a community of interest or both?

Our community has limited services for children and families and we see the gap and potential in developing this. Supporting community should help reduce inequalities, encourage and support youth engagement, tackle petty crime, ensure families have access to the correct support for their circumstances, help parents get back into work or studies, look after the community spaces through joint working building a sense of pride in the area, possible employment opportunities and pick up on some of the community services lost through the pandemic and closure of the local library etc. Building on intergenerational play we could tackle loneliness and vulnerability in the older generation. We would also be promoting longer and wider benefits in building relationships within the community. A lot of our existing staff reside in the community. In order to expand and develop our services we will have to staff services which will increase job opportunities and volunteering positions in the area. Having the space to offer services in a joined up manner would have great benefits for the community.

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What are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?

Currently we are a sustainable voluntary sector organisation. We would aim as we go through this process to build on our reserves and identify ways of raising income. Grants would be identified for particular purposes such as a grant for improving outdoor play spaces or grants for changes or improvements to the building. There are areas where we could save on existing costs such as using our own contractors for work to be completed in the building, insurance and utilities and use of existing staff moving between roles and job functions. We have in the past added to the area by accessing funding for the installation of a play park outdoors to the side of the building which we donated back to the community. We would continue to offer space for current and new lets to generate income as well as continuing to charge for the early learning and childcare we provide. We would also aim to increase our capacity in terms of increasing the number of places we can offer in our childcare services, the number of staff recruited, the number of families within the community who can access training or support services and also increasing the range of lets we can offer to generate additional income and provide such services. We would be able to apply for grants and funding from the local authority, the Big Lottery, Children in Need etc to expand our services and assist other user groups to source funding for their particular services.

Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building/ venue/ facility.

Our Board of Directors and staff team have roles out with our service which have provided them with some experience of contributing to the work of managing a building or facility e.g. a local church and a venue providing sports activities for young people in the Milton area of the city. Through building a very supportive network in the Private, Public and Voluntary Sectors we would draw on the expertise of this network which includes services who have gone through the asset management transfer process and, importantly, we would be interested in an agreed time period where we could work in partnership with Glasgow Life to do more of the work required to manage this facility thus making a success of the asset transfer. We work with GCVS currently and attend many training sessions related to our line of work currently. There is potential to attend further and more appropriate training such as courses ran by GCVS to help us through this process and further down the line.

What help and support from the council family would you require for this proposal?

We would require support in terms of knowing the details of this facility, maintenance, repairs and upkeep etc. Any support along the process in terms of information for completing business plans and potentially agreeing on a period of time for handing over and becoming familiar with what is needed for managing this building. We do not currently have any support from the council family on this project however as we progress there is potential to tie in with some Education outcomes and support from Glasgow City Council. For example, this may help address the lack of spaces for early learning and childcare if we were to increase the number of children who could attend our setting through building ownership. We have already identified that we would need a robust up to date Business Plan to support us in this process. A business plan would help us identify a structure and timetable for the day to day running of the building and plan for the future as we grow and develop. We would aim to re open the building for longer days and throughout the weekend as it was prior to Covid restrictions.

Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.

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Summerston Childcare Ltd is a voluntary sector organisation and therefore is not for profit. We are not looking to profit from this venture though we are looking to improve opportunities and support for the community and in particular, children and families. We are open to the input of the community to ensure we represent the needs of our community which we acknowledge may change over time.

We are not looking to change the name of the building. The building will always be Bellcraig Community Education Centre. We are looking to bring the care and education back into the heart of this building.

Our proposal is aimed at increasing and building on the relationships we already have with other agencies and services within health and education to bring services together and provide a joined up approach to working and supporting people holistically. We aim to ensure those people who live in our community are best supported to live a full, happy life with the best chance of accessing support for their individual needs.

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