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Decision Notice in terms of Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Participation Request submitted by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network

Outline of Request

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network outlined the following outcome in their Participation Request submitted on 11 January 2022:

“The outcome improvements we want to make are as follows:

An increase in the effective involvement and empowerment of the community sector in any decisions about increased community control of assets. This should include the diversification of community control options, including disposal of community assets, through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme.

Specifically we would say that PMGC will be improved by ensuring that the process, design and delivery of community engagement will be strengthened. This will make sure that it is carried out in line with PMs stated aims, the legislative intent of the Community Empowerment Act and the nationally agreed National Standards for Community Engagement endorsed by Scottish Government, third sector and community organisations and Local Authorities via CoSLA. This will ensure that vulnerable communities, who are often less heard but likely to be directly impacted, will participate more effectively in the process with thorough consideration of the impact on them of changes to community assets.

These outcomes address concerns about how the current process may be undermining its potential benefits. Strengthening this in a systematic and transparent manner will lead to greater consensus in decision making in the PGMC programme. This will ultimately ensure that the programme can sustainably enhance community facilities and assets and ensure that they are not adversely affected by decisions taken without adequate community involvement and avoid action being imposed on communities against their will.”

Decision

Having considered the Participation Request fully and amongst other things, the matters outlined in Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Glasgow City Council is refusing this request.

Glasgow City Council have existing processes and procedures in place for the People Make Glasgow Programme (PMGC) to achieve the requested outcome. This includes:

- Guidelines being provided to all PMGC Interested Parties in relation to community engagement that we expect them to undertake as part of the process.
- Assessment panels and working groups include Council Officers with expertise in community engagement.
- Council Officers engage with Glasgow Community Planning Partnership’s Area Partnerships on all proposals as part of the engagement phase of the PMGC process.
- Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network are acting as a liaison between Glasgow City Council and Third Sector organisations in the city.

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- Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector are providing support to all PMGC Interested Parties.
- Glasgow City Council have a City Wide Community Engagement Group to strengthen Community Engagement processes on an ongoing basis.

Glasgow City Council looks forward to working positively with voluntary organisations across the city, including North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network.

Based on the reasons as given above, Glasgow City Council has made the decision to reject North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network's Participation Request.

Regards,



Bernadette Monaghan
Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities
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