**Scottish Land Fund**

**Note of Chairs Action**

**23rd February 2021**

1. **BACKGROUND**

At the November Committee meeting, Members received an assessment report for Beatroute Arts (BA)*.* The group were looking to acquire the Beatroute Arts Centre through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) from Glasgow City Council (GCC). This CAT has been subject to extensive negotiation between BA and GCC over the conditions imposed by GCC. BA took the decision to appeal by Scottish Ministers, but the outcome of this decision was not available at the time of the SLF Committee meeting.

Members discussed the assessment report and confirmed their support for the project and that a decision could be taken by the Chair once the outcome of the appeal to Ministers was received. Following the meeting, notice was provided that BA were unsuccessful with their appeal to Ministers and following further negotiations with GCC, the council confirmed that the 20-year condition on the asset transfer remained part of the CAT offer.

At the Chair’s Action meeting on the 23rd February, the conditions on the CAT were considered in detail.  It was noted (based on the draft offer from GCC) that despite the 20 year condition it appears that the asset would remain in community ownership if BA were to close down as their dissolution clause requires its assets to be transferred to an organisation with similar objects.

At the meeting, the added benefit from community ownership, the degree of community support for the proposals and the need for the services was discussed. The Chair noted that the group have spent a considerable time and resource negotiating the CAT conditions and have negotiated some concessions from GCC.

The group have complied with SLF requirements that are within their gift; BA have no further route of appeal against the 20-year condition proposed by GCC.

On balance, the Chair agreed to support this SLF award as an exception based on the efforts to which the community had gone to reduce the original conditions, and the community outcomes for the group that will be achieved during the period of the SLF grant.  It was agreed that feedback would be provided to both BA and GCC that this decision is an exception and the SLF requirement would remain a max of a five-year period for conditions.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION**

2.1 One application was considered.

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| **Name of applicant** | **Project** | **Award** |
| Beatroute Arts  |

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Purchase of Beatroute Arts Centre | Total £54,940Capital £54,940Revenue £0 |

*Signed:*

*Dr John Watt, Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee*

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