

EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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NOMINATION TO LIST ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

(Director of Customer and Commercial Services)

Summary

An application had been received from Ulverston Community Enterprises Ltd to list the Art Deco building, situated in the Centre of Ulverston and home to the Roxy Cinema and Laurel & Hardy Museum, as an asset of community value.

Section 88 of the Localism Act 2011 set out those uses of land which may result in a property being considered an asset of community value. They were uses that furthered either the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. It went on to say that such use could not be an "ancillary use".

The applicant had stated that the Roxy was the only cinema within the town and along with the museum, the asset was seen as an essential hub of community life in the town of Ulverston and beyond. Substantial evidence was submitted by the applicant to show that the asset furthered the social well-being and social interest of the community in various ways. In particular the museum which provided space for local community groups to host events and raise funds for vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community. There was strong feeling from the local community and local businesses that the asset should be secured for the good of the town. However, concerns had been raised by local District Councillors regarding the ability to raise funds for purchase and the general poor state of repair of the building.

The applicant had submitted convincing evidence that the asset could realistically continue to be used for its current purposes, were they to take it on. The applicant also had a proven record in running the Coronation Hall and Ulverston Markets.

The Roxy Cinema and Laurel & Hardy Museum met the criteria to be accepted as assets of community value and the nomination was in the spirit of the legislation that gave communities a right to nominate assets.

Decision

That the Roxy Cinema and Laurel & Hardy Museum, Ulverston be entered onto South Lakeland District Council's list of successful nominations of Assets of Community Value.

Reason for Decision

The ambitions of the Council Plan 2019 are as follows: 'We will create opportunities for young people by using culture and built heritage to support our unique offer'; and 'improve quality of life by working with communities to reduce isolation and loneliness'.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

As the nominated assets meet the requirement for listing as an Assets of Community Value, to decline the nomination would be in contravention of the legislation.