

EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

DELEGATED EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

A record of delegated decisions made by individual Portfolio holders or officers on Thursday, 12 March 2020.

The reports (unless exempt under Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Act as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated and, in all the circumstances of the case, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it) are available for inspection from the Solicitor to the Council, South Lakeland House, Kendal.

DEX/13 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - CASTLE INN, KENDAL (Director of Customer and Commercial Services)

Summary

Consideration was given to a nomination from an unincorporated body to enter the Castle Inn, Castle Street, Kendal onto South Lakeland District Council's list of Assets of Community Value. Castle Inn Kendal Open for the Future (CIKOFF) nominated the asset and were set up specifically for this purpose.

The nomination stated that the Castle Inn had been a small but important part of Kendal's social fabric since the early 1700's with its main, non-ancillary use being a public house. The group stated that up until its closure, the Castle Inn remained a thriving and important part of the community in this area of the town and that due to its location, the public house acted as a popular place for residents and people visiting the Castle Street Centre to meet. CIKOFF believe that very little work would need to be done for the pub to reopen and begin operating due to the renovations to the building following Storm Desmond in 2015. CIKOFF had taken advice from the Plunkett Foundation, specialists in community pub start-ups, giving the group access to advice and other resources going forward.

It was considered that the Castle Inn met the criteria necessary to be accepted as an asset of community value. The evidence provided indicates that in the recent past the use of the building as a public house, furthered the social wellbeing of the local community who could use it as a meeting place and to socialise. It was clear that this nomination was in the spirit of the legislation that gave communities the right to nominate assets.

Decision

The Castle Inn, Castle Street, Kendal be entered onto South Lakeland District Council's list of successful nominations of Assets of Community Value.

Reasons for Decision

Assets of Community Value relate to the Council Plan's key priority 'Health and Environment' which improves quality of life by working with communities to reduce isolation and loneliness.

The nomination empowers customers and communities to achieve the Council's visions and values.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

As the nominated asset meets the requirement for listing as an Asset of Community Value, to decline the nomination would be in contravention of the legislation.