

To: Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board

On: 21st March 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Former Glen Plant Nursery, Glenburn, Paisley

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a long term lease to Grow in Glenburn for the former Glen Plant Nursery, Glenfield Road, Paisley.
 - 1.2 Grow in Glenburn was established in 2009 and entered into a short term lease with the Council for the former Glen Plant Nursery. The original lease was for a period of one year and allowed the creation of growing plots for the community. The lease has been renewed year on year.
 - 1.3 The lease currently operates on a month to month basis following the lease expiry in 2016. This report seeks to grant Grow in Glenburn a 10 year lease for the subject site.
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2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Approve the long term lease request from Grow in Glenburn for the subject site at the former Glen Plant Nursery, Paisley subject to lease conditions being fulfilled.
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3. **Background**

- 3.1 The subjects are located on the south side of Paisley and lie within the Gleniffer Braes Country Park. The subject site extends to some 2,633 sqm or thereby. There is a right of access through the subject site.
- 3.2 Grow in Glenburn (GIG) were established in 2009 with a constitution being created on the 10th November 2009. The group have occupied this site by way of a short term lease of 1 year initially. This allowed the group to grow within the community and indeed the last lease renewal saw the group extend their occupancy to include not only all of the plant areas but also two of the structures on the site namely a bothy and a container.
- 3.3 Clauses within the lease take into account for GIG's planned working partnership with Barnardo's works. Barnardo's will continue to carry out training of unemployed people at the subject site.
- 3.4 The rent will remain at £1 per annum, if asked, payable in advance.
- 3.5 The lease is for a period of 10 years. This lease length will allow GIG to apply for various funding grants and allow other funding opportunities to be explored.
- 3.6 The lease and the terms contained thereby have all been carried out in consultation with Environment and Communities.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – The financial implications to the Council are minimal. The site has been occupied by GIG for a number of years and we are seeking a new lease for a 10 year period. A lease of 10 years will enable GIG to continue the work at the site and also explore / apply for more funding from various organisations.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
- 3. **Community Planning** – Our Renfrewshire is thriving – GIG community garden will continue to provide a learning environment as well as a garden for relaxation and reflection. It will continue to be a community based project.

Our Renfrewshire is well placed to continue to develop the community outdoor growing ground space. The garden offers a place to learn,

volunteer and socialise. All of these activities benefit the local community both young and old. With a longer lease they will have the ability to apply or further funding to improve upon the works carried out to date. The project will have longevity.

4. **Legal** – Conclude the new lease.
5. **Property/Assets** - The lease will ensure that the tenants have an obligation to continue to maintain the subjects in line with the terms contained therein. .
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** - None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** - None
11. **Privacy Impact** – Not applicable
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable

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