

“From the Head of Property Services:

- more information as to the basis for the decision not to grant the request from Up-to-Us Limited, and what his views were on the application from Up-to-Us Limited being amended from lease to purchase of property, if necessary.”
- The reasons for the decision by the Head of Property Services not to grant the request to Up-2-Us are outlined in the Decision Letter (dated 13 January 2021) - previously provided.
- Further detail on the decision making information is provided in the Scoring Matrix (dated 04 December 2020) - attached.

In summary, it was determined to refuse on the basis that the community benefits to the wider Renfrewshire communities (rather than the restricted Up-2-Us communities) do not balance against the financial opportunity cost as well as the Applicant is in a financial position to purchase the property commercially.

- Albeit the Applicant’s purchase offer remains lower than the top offer (if indeed the top offer remains valid after almost 1 year delay), a purchase agreement (rather than lease) addresses a number of the concerns and risks considered in the decision making process.
- Any decision to uphold the Applicant’s appeal would require the Applicant to evidence their status as a ‘Community Transfer Body’ prior to any Community Asset Transfer.