

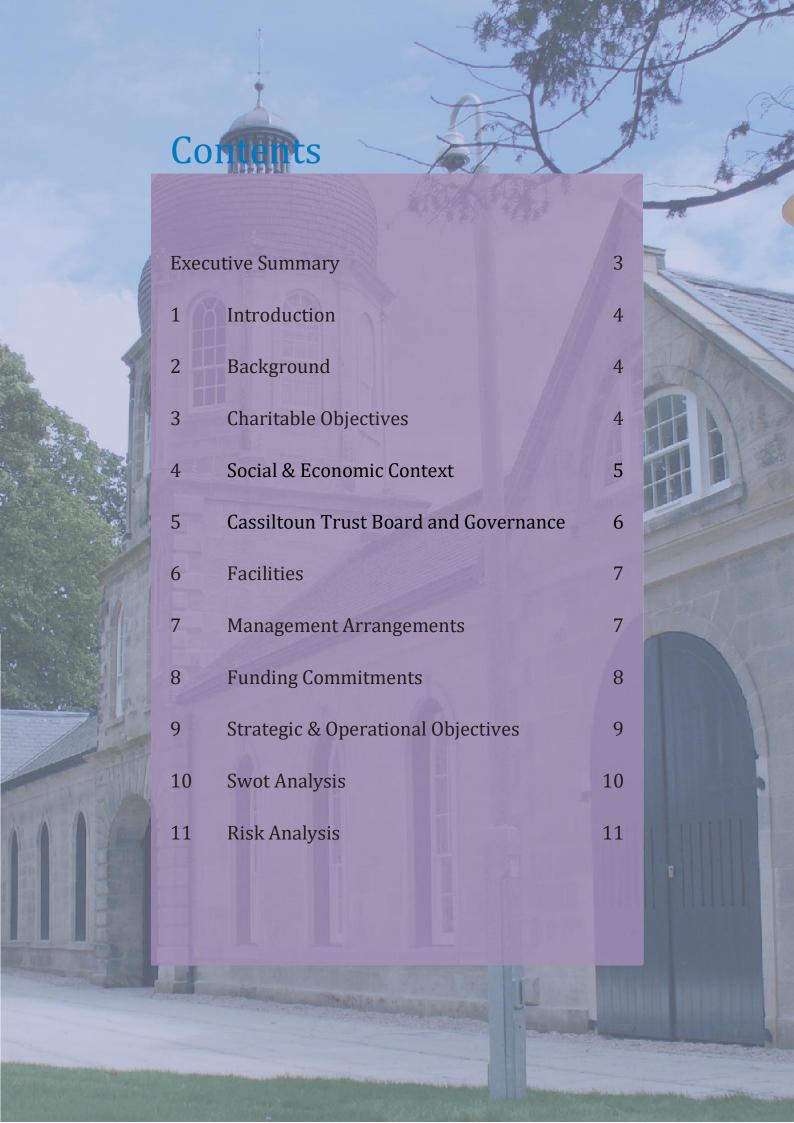


# Cassiltoun Trust Business Plan

2020 | 2021



Cassiltoun Trust is a Private Limited Company | Registered Scottish Charity Number SC030310 Registration Number 205629 | Registered at Companies House, Edinburgh Registered Office Castlemilk Stables, 59 Machrie Road, Glasgow G45 0AZ



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## **Executive Summary**

- Cassiltoun Trust has now been in operation since 2001.
- It is a registered charity based in Castlemilk Glasgow and in 2007, it successfully achieved the £4.5m renovation of Castlemilk Stables.
- As a subsidiary of Cassiltoun Housing Association, the Trust is a catalyst for economic and environmental regeneration, bringing new services, training, volunteering and social engagement opportunities for the local community.
- The business plan outlines the strategic, operational objectives, management arrangements, risk profile and financial plans.
- The Stables building is a Glasgow landmark, designed by David Hamilton and is an important reminder of Castlemilk's and Glasgow's rich history.
- The Stables is a vibrant building attracting visitors from the local area, Scotland and from across the globe to take part in numerous programmes and activities and to learn about its regeneration story and the impact it has made.



## 1. Introduction

The former Stables block in Castlemilk is a multi-function building meeting a range of community uses. This business plan sets out the arrangements for the continued ownership and management of the building by Cassiltoun Trust, their ongoing objectives and demonstrates the Trusts long-term viability.

# 2. Castlemilk Stables - Background

Castlemilk Stables consists of a quadrangle grouping of buildings located at 59 Machrie Road in Castlemilk on the southern periphery of Glasgow. Listed grade 'B' in the 1970s and a Glasgow Landmark Building, it represents a fine example of late Georgian design

The Building was previously owned by Glasgow City Council and was on the 'Buildings at Risk' register as it had ceased to be used by the Council in the 1980's after a fire had seriously damaged the building. It was deemed 'surplus to requirements' and at risk of total demolition but through the work of the local community, Cassiltoun Trust, Glasgow Building Preservation Trust and various funders and partners including the City Council the building was transformed into a building that served a new purpose - as a catalyst for change and a vibrant community space.

# 3. Charitable Objectives

As a registered charity, the Trust has to meet its Charitable Objectives as set out in its Articles. These are:

- To advance the education of the public concerning the history and role of Castlemilk
  and to conserve and preserve for the benefit of the public buildings of an historical
  and/or architectural significance;
- The advancement of citizenship or community development;
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science;
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended;
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

## 4. Social and Economic Context

Castlemilk Stables sits in the heart of Castlemilk, a peripheral Glasgow Housing estate. The area was developed for social housing in the 1950's and 1960's but suffered from economic and social decline in the 1980's and early 1990's.

Despite investment in new housing from the 1990's to the present day, the area still ranks in the 5% of areas in Scotland that are most deprived. Castlemilk suffers from poor transport links, a lack of facilities with others under threat or under resourced. It has limited employment opportunities and is a' food dessert' with no local supermarket.

The map below is taken from the Scottish Government 2020 SIMD survey with those areas highlighted in dark red indicating areas of high (top 5%) deprivation.

The work of Cassiltoun Trust, both its role providing vital employment and a contributor to the local Castlemilk economy and as a catalyst for projects that will both empower local people and provide key opportunities to improve health, education, income and social connections remains critical.



## 5. Board and Governance

Established as a company limited by guarantee and a Scottish charity, the Trust Board meets regularly to oversee the running of the business. The Trust is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cassiltoun Housing Association Ltd.

#### The Board continues to:

- Deliver our Business Plan Objectives;
- Assess and manage risk;
- Review performance, set targets and review our Strategic Priorities;
- Retain high skill levels within the Board membership;
- Continue to attract additional funding;
- Organise Business Planning Days;
- Be responsible for "the general control and management of the administration of the charity" and they carry out these functions within the context of the charity's legal framework;
- Meet on 4 occasions each year;
- Be responsible for the governance and strategy of the charity.

#### The Trustees of Cassiltoun Trust are:

- Bailie Councillor Glenn Elder
- Christine Devine MBE
  (local resident & former
  Depute Lord Provost)
- Lewis MacSween, retired from Glasgow City Council Development & Regeneration Services
- Anna Stuart MBE, Chair, Board member of CHA and Castlemilk resident
- Charlie Millar, former CEO
  Cassiltoun Housing Association
- Charlie Turner, Chief Executive of Thenue Housing Association
- Susan Casey, Community Member
- Evelyn Ferguson, Castlemilk Resident, Board member Cassiltoun HA



#### **A Charity Trustee must:**

Act in the interests of the charity:

- Operate in a manner consistent with the charity's purpose
- Act with care and diligence
- Manage any conflict of interest between the charity and any person or organisation who appoints trustees
- Ensure that the charity complies with the provisions of "The Charities and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005" and other relevant legislation.



## 6. Facilities

The Stables has a mix of office accommodation, a children nursery provision and a mix of meeting rooms, community spaces and outdoor garden areas.

Currently all the long-term rental spaces are let to Cassiltoun Housing Association and Stables Nursery.

The Trust can still offer meeting spaces for local groups or other organisations and the communal areas of the building and the surrounding garden areas are still used to deliver a wide range of community projects.

# 7. Management Arrangements

As owner of the building, Cassiltoun Trust is responsible for ongoing management. However, it employs no staff of its own and day-to-day management arrangements are undertaken by Cassiltoun Housing Association.

A management agreement is in place setting out the services that will be provided. The cost of the services is also agreed and reviewed annually.



# 8. Funding Commitments (conditions)

Funders of the original redevelopment set conditions around the ongoing use of the building – ensuring that it was a building that was used by and open to the community. Funders of current projects set specific funding conditions. The current range of community involvement and use of the Stables and the surrounding woodlands is ensuring that the Trust meets the conditions that have been set.

Between July 2007 and March 2020, the Trust has delivered a wide range of social, economic and community focused programs including:

- Welcomed ministerial visitors from the Scottish Government, including the First Minister;
- Created more than 70 employment opportunities;
- Recruited and supported local volunteers who assist the Trust to deliver its objectives;
- Worked with educational establishments to deliver a wide range of courses including adult literacy, numeracy, child protection training and first aid at work;
- Provided a pre-5 nursery facility for up to 57 children;
- Received in excess of 10,000 visitors;
- Facilitated local, national and international regeneration visits (our international visitors have come as far as Japan, Australia, Canada, Lithuania, Africa, Holland and Belgium);
- Assisted other community organisations and Trusts to develop their business plans;
- Hosted a variety of community events, including the successful Pumpkin Festival, Open Air Theatre, school holiday programmes, arts, health and youth events and fun days.

# 9. Strategic and Operational Objectives for the period 1st of April 2020 to 31st March 2021

## Cassiltoun Trust Strategic Objectives

To empower our local community and extended communities to make positive changes in their lives by providing education/training, employment, health and leisure time opportunities

Promote, enhance and preserve the public's knowledge of Castlemilk's "rich" history To continue to preserve the historical and architectural significance of Castlemilk Stables for the local and extended community and to promote the preservation of other historical landmarks in the area

To promote, influence and implement and participate in local and national strategies that assist and drive community led economic regeneration and development

#### The Trust has 10 Operational Objectives which support the strategic objectives

- 1. To recruit and support Board members to sustain and improve their skills and knowledge to help ensure that they are as effective as possible.
- 2. To maintain and develop the Stables external environment including the community garden area and garden room by working in partnership with local agencies and Castlemilk community to maximise the use of our assets.
- 3. Continue to develop partnerships both new and existing; with local voluntary and statutory groups who can assist the project achieve its education, learning and regeneration targets.
- 4. Maximise income by seeking opportunities to increase revenue and to monitor our expenditure.
- 5. To develop Castlemilk Park with our strategic partners to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the local community are given the opportunity to be realised.
- 6. Promote the objectives of Cassiltoun Trust further within Castlemilk and the wider regeneration community.
- 7. To participate in the 2020 Glasgow Doors Open Day Festival and wider events being held in Glasgow.
- 8. To finalise the review of the heating options for the building.
- 9. To deliver 2020 Bursary Programme
- 10. To deliver a component survey of the Stables Building (to tie in with the Housing Condition Survey)

# 10. SWOT Analysis



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### **Strengths**

- Strong Governance and compliance with Regulatory Standards.
- Part of Cassiltoun's diverse Group Structure
- Good Reputation and partnership working with funders and partners
- Experienced and skilled Board
- Diverse range of services i.e. events and activities
- High level of Volunteers and involvement

#### Weaknesses

- Historic heating issues (restricted due to listing and income)
- Succession planning limited number of new board members
- Lack of space to grow within the building
- Out of date website
- Income & Expenditure limited reserves. Limited options to increase income and reduce costs.

#### **Opportunities**

- New outdoor buildings
- Funding opportunities, including holiday hunger programme
- New Board Members
- New Housing Development increase of services to new people moving into the community
- New Social Enterprise
- Visitors door always open to new visitors
- Renewable energy

#### Threats

- Lose Board members
- Reputational damage –
   Woodlands deteriorates
- Lack of Volunteers Reduction in grant/funding
- Losing key staff (services from Parent Company)
- Potential loss of nursery income
- Unknown impact of Brexit

# 11. Risk Analysis



## CASSILTOUN TRUST RISK REPORT - 2019-20

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	Pre Control Measure														
Risk ID	Name	Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Total Risk Score	Risk Level	Control Measure	Likelihood	Impact	Total Risk Score		Action Plan	Category	Risk Owner	Action Owner
1	Stables Heating & Hot	Could be serious if	3	4	12		Electric wall mounted heaters have been	2	3	6		Consultant appointed to	Operational	CEO	CEO/Housing
	water Provision	adequate levels are not					successfully used for over 12 months					complete 2 stage			Manager
		achieved .				Significant	Investigations into underfloor heating is				Moderate	investigations of			
							still ongoing . Immerser for hot water					pipework			
							working effectively								
	Update: Jan 20 - Register updated after Trust Business Planning Day														
2	Board Succession	The Trust may not have	3	4	12		CHA will support and encourage board	2	2	4		Continue to promote		CEO	CEO/Corporate
	Planning	sufficient experienced					recruitment particularly through the					locally.			Services
		or skilled board				Signific <mark>ant</mark>	Community team		,		Moderate				Manager
		members in future					S S S		r						
		years.											Governance		
	Update: Update: Jan 2	20 - Register updated afte	er Tru	st Busi	ness f	Planning Day									
3	Income levels	Rent increases are	3	4	12		Rent increases discussed and approved by	2	2	4		Monitor		DoF	DoF
	appreciate at lower	restricted as they				Significant	the Board and agreed with occupants of the				Moderate				
	rate than anticipated	become unaffordable					building						Financial		
	Update: Update: Jan 20 - Register updated after Trust Business Planning Day														
4	Costs higher than	Increases in costs	4	4	16		Limited scope for reducing costs, impacted	2	3	6		Monitor		DoF	DoF
	budgeted	exceed the income					by high electricity costs. Budget set								
		stream, ongoing					annually with value for money sought for								
		repairs and				High	any ongoing maintenance. Building to be				Moderate				
		maintenance not					included in stock conditions survey (20/21)								
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## 12. Awards



2008

Scottish Civic Trust 2010 Winner



Commendation



Scottish Building of the Year 2008



Community Woodlands Award Highly Commended 2013



Winner of the Healthy Lifestyles competition 2015 under the Community Woodlands Category



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TPAS Awards – Winner
Best Practice in Developing
Communities Award in 2016

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