

**Asset Transfer Request**

**Annual Report 2019/20 for Aberdeen City Council**

Section 95 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires relevant authorities to produce an annual report on Asset Transfer Request activity and publish this no later than 30 June each year.

In accordance with the above this Report has been produced to record the asset transfer data for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. Information provided will help inform policy and practice at local and national level as the data will be collated and shared by the Scottish Government's Community Empowerment Team.

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Are you the Asset Transfer Lead Contact for the organisation: Yes

If not please provide the name, job title and email address for the lead contact for any queries:

**Section 2: Asset Transfer Data in 2019/20**

2.1 Please complete the following table:

Total Applications Received in 2019/20	Number of successful applications	Number of unsuccessful applications	Number received in 2019/20 and yet to be determined	Number received prior to 2019/20 and yet to be determined
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2.2 Please provide details of Asset Transfer Requests received which resulted in transfer of ownership, lease, or rights from your relevant authority to a community transfer body in 2019/20:

Name of Community Transfer Body, or community group that will take ownership, lease, or management of the asset.	Date request was validated	Date decision was agreed to transfer the asset	Date transfer completed	Please provide further details, such as: description of the asset / area transferred / amount paid / discount given/ type of ownership / purpose of the transfer.
Cultivate Aberdeen	n/a	20/02/2020	With legal	Lease of a former depot site to provide growing ground and an education centre. Let at £1.00 p.a. if asked under voluntary scheme.
Greyhope Bay Ltd	n/a	02/03.2020	With legal	Lease of an area of ground, to be developed as a viewing point to watch dolphins and other wildlife. Let at 1.00p.a. if asked under voluntary scheme.

2.3 Please provide details of Asset Transfer Requests that were refused in 2019/20 and went to a relevant authority appeal or review including whether they were allowed or dismissed:

Name of Community Transfer Body	Was the Asset Transfer Appeal/Review accepted? (Y/N)	Why was the Appeal/Review accepted/refused? <i>Please provide details of the asset transfer request and reasons for your decision.</i>
Fraserburgh Fitness Centre	N	The original decision agreed the request under amended terms and conditions; this decision was upheld by the Review Panel. The Community Body withdrew their transfer request.

2.4 Please use this space to provide any further comments relating to the above data:

The request received by the Fraserburgh Fitness Centre requested the transfer of ownership for a nominal sum. It was considered that the community body had not shown that they could provide sufficient benefits to the community to show that a transfer of ownership at that price would demonstrate Best Value to the Council. Therefore, the terms and conditions were amended asking the group to pay 50% of the market value, which was considered would demonstrate best value.

### **Section Three – Promotion and Equality**

3.1 Please provide information on any action you have taken to promote the benefits of asset transfer or any support provided for communities to engage with the Asset Transfer Request process.

We have a dedicated webpage on our Council website where our citizens can find out about community empowerment. This Community Asset Transfer page provides a full list of all our current assets, along with links to vacant surplus properties available for transfer under the Community Empowerment legislation. Our colleagues working within the City have received training so that any direct approaches to them from the local communities can be aided and encouraged.

3.2 In particular what action has been taken to support disadvantaged communities to engage with the asset transfer process?

We have established a single point of contact for all initial approaches of interest, with a wider network of support, from staff within the local communities across the City available to any groups requiring assistance throughout the pre-application period.

In addition to asset transfers under the Community Empowerment Legislation we continue to progress transfers under the voluntary scheme to ensure the asset transfer process is open to more groups and communities than might be the case under the community empowerment legislation.

