

**Asset Transfer Request
Reporting Template 2023/24 for Relevant Authorities**

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.

Following stakeholder feedback and in response to asset transfer evaluations, this template has been created to help gather asset transfer data for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. 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. However, it will be for each relevant authority to make their own annual report publicly available by 30 June 2024, whether using this template or not.

Section One – Relevant Authority Information

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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 2023/24

2.1 Please complete the following table for the 2023/24 reporting period :

Total Applications Received	Number of successful applications determined	Number of unsuccessful applications determined	Number received and yet to be determined	Number received prior to 2023/24 and yet to be determined
1	0	0	1	0

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 2023/24:

The application included in table 2.1 above, and yet to be determined, is for the transfer of ownership of a rural community centre. The period for interested parties to make representations on the application has closed and assessment of the proposal is on-going.

2.3 Please provide details of Asset Transfer Requests that went to a relevant authority appeal or review which were concluded in 2023/24:

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>
NA		

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

NA

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.

Details of SAC's Community Asset Transfer process including who can apply, how to apply and contact details are available on the Council's website. The website also provides links to other sources of support and guidance including relevant sections of the Scottish Government website, Community Ownership Support Service, local TSI and Scottish Land Fund.

SAC established the Advancing Community Assets Fund to facilitate Community Asset Transfers by providing development and capital funding to qualifying community controlled bodies.

The Council provides direct support to community groups from initial enquiry through to submission of CAT request. Typically this support will comprise guidance and advice from the External Funding, Asset Management and Community Wealth Building Teams alongside the CAT Team Leader.

Presentations at a number of Community Council meetings during this reporting period to help promote CAT to the wider community. Creation of a new e-flyer and animation.

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

CAT Team Leader works closely with colleagues from SAC's Thriving Communities Service and external partners to raise awareness of the asset transfer process within our most disadvantaged communities. We work collaboratively to develop capacity within communities and support community-controlled bodies through every stage of the process.

Section Four – Additional Information

4.1 Please use this space to provide any further feedback not covered in the above sections.

The ending or pausing of some 'go to' funding options, notably Community Ownership Fund and RCGF, will create additional challenge for CTBs going forward unless alternative sources become available.