



Response to Request for Information

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Community Asset Transfer (CAT)

Request:

I am writing with a request for information about your local authority's approach towards Community Asset Transfer (CAT), full details are below.

1. **Does the authority have a published Community Asset Transfer* policy?**
*Community Asset Transfer enables local authorities to transfer the ownership/management of their assets to community organisations at less than full market value – in order to achieve a defined public benefit.
[Yes - the City of Wolverhampton Council has a published Community Asset Transfer Policy listed on Councils website.](#)

2. **If Yes, please provide a web link to the policy.**
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/2882/Community-Asset-Transfer>

[The policy is listed under the title- Asset Transfer Strategy.](#)

3. **If No, is Community Asset Transfer (CAT) integrated into another policy within your local authority – such as wider asset management strategies or VCSE policies?**
[Not Applicable](#)

4. **If Yes, Please provide a web link to this policy, if published.**
[Not Applicable](#)

5. **How many of the authority's land and property assets have been disposed of in the following periods: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 (to date)?** For the purposes of this FOI "disposal" means a sale on the open market for monetary consideration or the letting of any council land or building, or part of a building, regardless of the length of term of the letting. Please note we are not concerned with any land or property transfers to other departments or changing the use of the land from one statutory purpose to another, so please exclude these figures from your return.

Disposal (sale)* -

Financial Year	Number of Assets disposed of (SOLD)
2012/13	16
2013/14	9
2014/15	25
2015/16	15
2016/17	7
2017/18	2

**Please note that information can only be obtained from Jan 2012 for the purpose of this FOI. Please also note that this does not include any residential property management by the Councils ALMO.*

Disposal (lease) -

Data taken up to 8th February 2018

Financial Year	Number of Assets (leased out)
2012/13	16
2013/14	18
2014/15	10
2015/16	13
2016/17	15
2017/18	20

6. **In relation to the number of disposals in Q5, how many were made to ‘for-profit’* organisations in the same time periods?** *For-profit organisations make private profit for their directors, members or shareholders. Different types of organisation can be ‘for-profit’. It is not a legal structure in and of itself.
Disposal (sale) to for-profit organisations*

Financial Year	Number of Assets disposed of to (SOLD) to for-profit organisations (as defined above)
2012/13	5
2013/14	4
2014/15	10
2015/16	10
2016/17	2
2017/18	2

**We have assumed that sales to private individuals can be excluded and not for profit organisations*

Disposal (lease) to for-profit organisations*
Data taken up to 8th February 2018

Financial Year	Number of Assets leased to for-profit organisations (as defined above)
2012/13	14
2013/14	18
2014/15	10
2015/16	9
2016/17	11
2017/18	19

7. **Typically, authorities operate a 5 year programme for the disposal of their surplus assets. Looking ahead over this period, how many of the authority's current land and property assets are being considered for declaring as surplus to requirements?** *We define surplus to requirements as 'not required for operational purposes any more and as a result identified for disposal'

There are 61 assets that have either been declared surplus or are being considered for declaring surplus to requirements.

8. **In relation to the potential land and property assets being considered for declaring as surplus to requirements in Q5, what percentage of the authority's existing asset base do they represent?** If it is not possible to produce an exact percentage figure at this time, then please provide an estimate, and indicate if that is the case.

In relation to the potential land and property assets either declared surplus or being considered for declaring surplus to requirements, as identified in Q7 (for avoidance of doubt, not Q5). The percentage of asset base that they represent is approximately 3%.