

Asset Transfer Request

Reporting Template 2019/20 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 summary evaluations over the last two years (final 3 year evaluation report is due to be published by end of June 2020), this template has been created to help gather 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. However, it will be for each relevant authority to make their own annual report publicly available by 30 June 2020, whether using this template or not.

Please provide information in the four sections below and email the completed template by 30 June 2020 to community.empowerment@gov.scot

Section One – Relevant Authority Information

Organisation: Midlothian Council

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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
0	2	1	0	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 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.
Loanhead After School Club Childcare services	14/12/18	17/9/19		50 year lease of Rosewell Pavilion and adjacent land to provide early years provision. Lease terms still to be agreed with applicant.
Bonnyrigg After School Club	6/12/18	19/6/19	18/3/20	Ownership of Polton Bowling Pavilion and the Green to provide increased childcare capacity.
LASC Childcare Services	27/6/18	23/1/19		12 year lease of garden ground adjacent to LASC premises at the Link, Loanhead. Lease terms still to be agreed with applicant.

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>
None		

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

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.

Two asset transfer training sessions were offered by Community Ownership Support Service to any organisation considering an asset transfer. The sessions specifically focussed on the things you need to think about before taking on an asset; business planning, feasibility studies, running costs, community engagement and other supports available.

Midlothian Council carried out an evaluation of the asset transfer process with the TSI to look at who is providing support at which stages of the application to avoid duplication of effort and to streamline the process.

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

We continue to make all our information available on the website and have responded to several speculative requests from organisations who are looking for any type of asset, land or building, in Midlothian to enable them to develop their services.

All our Communities and Lifelong Learning staff have attended awareness raising sessions of the Asset Transfer legislation so that they are able to promote this when they are working with community organisations.

Section Four – Additional Information

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

Subject to the pressures of responding to the Covid-19 emergency situation and recovery – if possible please email the completed template by 30 June 2020 to community.empowerment@gov.scot

If you have any queries please contact Malcolm Cowie, Asset Transfer Policy Manager at Malcolm.cowie@gov.scot

Thank you!

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