



# Dundee City Council Community Empowerment Report

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2019/20



## Purpose

A report to meet Dundee City Council's requirements under ss.32 and 95 of the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 to produce an Annual Report on Participation Requests and Community Asset Transfer.

For both Participation Requests and Community Asset Transfers triggered under the Act we report a nil return.

Please see Appendix 1 for a full breakdown of the information required under s. 32 of the Act. Please see Appendix 2 for a full breakdown of the information required under s.95 of the Act.

Although Dundee City Council reports a nil return for completed Asset Transfers under the Act we are at an advanced stage in completing one Community Asset Transfer under our voluntary scheme.

Dundee City Council refused 2 Participation Requests due to the requests being invalid, Dundee City Council offered to engage with both groups in a process similar to an Outcome Improvement Process. One group agreed to this.

## Promotion

Under ss.32 (d)(i) and 95 (f)(i) of the Act we are required to outline what steps we have taken to promote Participation Requests and Community Asset Transfer respectively.

We have a dedicated webpage on our website where citizens can find out about Community Empowerment

<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/neighbourhood-services/housing-and-communities/community-empowerment>.

This includes an e-learning module which promotes and explains to citizens how they can make these requests and the benefit to them of doing so.

An internal audit carried out by KPMG recommended that the materials available to the community to support Community Asset Transfer are updated and this will be carried out by August 2020. The Asset Register has been reviewed and going forward will be reviewed on an annual basis. We will also use the opportunity to update supporting materials for Participation Requests.



# Support

Under ss.32 (d)(ii) and 95 (f)(ii) of the Act we are required to outline what steps we have taken to support groups and individuals through the process of undertaking Participation Requests and Community Asset Transfer respectively.

The DCC CLD Service was reconfigured in March 2020 to merge our Community Regeneration and Community Based Adult Learning teams into a single Community Empowerment Team.

Going forward this team will have targets to proactively use CAT and Community Right to Buy to support community groups in Dundee and to help them deliver on their aims and objectives.

To this end 18 CLD Workers in Dundee were given training from our Community Ownership Support Service link worker in order to enable them to support community groups to work towards these aims.

The Community Empowerment Team will be expected to proactively use the powers from the Community Empowerment Act to support communities to achieve their goals.

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## Appendix 1 – Participation Requests

<b>Summary Information for Annual Report</b>	
Reporting period - start	01/04/2019
Reporting period - end	31/03/2020
<b>Total number of participation requests received</b>	2
<b>Number agreed</b>	0
<b>Number refused</b>	2
<b>Number resulting in:</b>	
A participation request being agreed to	0
A participation request being refused	2
<b>Number of appeals under section 30 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority:</b>	
Allowed	0
Dismissed	0
Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed	0
<b>In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 30, the number of such decisions that have been:</b>	
Confirmed	0
Modified	0
Substituted by a different decision	0
<b>Total Number of such requests which resulted in changes to public services</b>	0

## Appendix 2 – Community Asset Transfer

<b>Summary Information for Annual Report</b>	
<b>Reporting period - start</b>	01/04/2019
<b>Reporting period - end</b>	31/03/2020
<b>Total number of asset transfer requests received</b>	1
<b>Number agreed</b>	0
<b>Number refused</b>	1
<b>Number resulting in:</b>	
a transfer of ownership of land to a community transfer body	0
a lease of land to such a body	0
rights in respect of land being conferred on such a body	
<b>Number of appeals under section 85 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority:</b>	
Allowed	0
Dismissed	0
Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed	0
<b>In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 86 or 87, the number of such decisions that have been:</b>	
Confirmed	0
Modified	0
Substituted by a different decision	0
<b>Total Area Transferred (ha)</b>	0

## Asset transfer request - summary information

Property address	Community Transfer Body	Initial request date	Validation date	Rights requested	Area of land (Ha)	Proposed use	Outcome
88 Fintry Road / Fintry Nursery	One Parent Families	01/10/2018	01/10/2018	Purchase		Redevelopment to create childcare facility	Refused under the Act due to the group not being a valid Community Transfer Body. Progressed under DCC voluntary scheme

