



Dundee City Council Community Empowerment Report

2020/21



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.

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 there was one Community Asset Transfer application received under the Act it was not a valid application and so is not included in the formal return. However, information is detailed in **Appendix 2**.

Dundee City Council has a voluntary scheme for Community Asset Transfer which runs alongside the Community Empowerment Act 2015. Although not required under the Act, details of Community Asset Transfer pre-applications received and activity under Dundee City Council's voluntary scheme is detailed in **Appendix 2**.

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.

This was update in Autumn of 2020 to include short videos to explain the Community Asset Transfer and Participation Request process in an accessible and understandable way

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



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.

Since reconfiguring our CLD Service to create a Community Empowerment Team in March 2020, support for Community Asset Transfer and Participation requests has shifted from one officer centrally to locality teams in each of the 8 Multi-Member wards across the city. These teams made up of qualified Community Learning & Development practitioners have meant that organisations are able to access local support and local knowledge which is helping them to engage with stakeholders in that community and has meant more organisations are getting to the pre-application stage of CAT than ever before and has resulted in the first successful Participation Request.

These teams now proactively use CAT and PR as a tool in their suite of community development skills and we are beginning to see a real difference to the community groups who are working in partnership with us in terms of their understanding of these tools and the potential outcomes for the communities they represent.

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Appendix 1 – Participation Requests

Summary Information for Annual Report	
Reporting period - start	01/04/2020
Reporting period - end	31/03/2021
Total number of participation requests received	1
Number agreed	1
Number refused	0
Number resulting in:	
A participation request being agreed to	1
A participation request being refused	0
Number of appeals under section 30 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority:	
Allowed	0
Dismissed	0
Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed	0
In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 30, the number of such decisions that have been:	
Confirmed	0
Modified	0
Substituted by a different decision	0
Total Number of such requests which resulted in changes to public services	1

Participation Requests 2020-21

Applicant	Valid Participation Request Received	Decision Notice	Outcome Improvement Process	Outcome
Friends of Clatto Park	15th October 2020	Agreed 25th November 2020	2nd February 2021	<p>In partnership, Friends of Clatto (FOC) and Dundee City Council (DCC) will develop, implement and monitor a Management Plan for Clatto Country Park which will include the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Maintenance Health & Safety Access Habitat Preservation Biodiversity Heritage <p>It will also include an Action Plan</p>

Appendix 2 – Community Asset Transfer

Summary Information for Annual Report	
Reporting period - start	01/04/2020
Reporting period - end	31/03/2021
Total number of asset transfer requests received	0
Number agreed	0
Number refused	0
Number resulting in:	
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	
Number of appeals under section 85 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority:	
Allowed	0
Dismissed	0
Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed	0
In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 86 or 87, the number of such decisions that have been:	
Confirmed	0
Modified	0
Substituted by a different decision	0
Total Area Transferred (ha)	0

Other Community Asset Transfer Activity Under The Act in 2020-2021

Property address	Applicant	Initial request date	Validation date	Rights requested	Area of land (Ha)	Proposed use	Outcome
Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO, Drumgeith Road, Dundee, Scotland Postcode: DD4 0JX	Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO	29/01/21	Application was not valid	Purchase	Unknown	Social club to be run as social enterprise to support a community sports club.	Invalid application due to lack of information. Group are being supported to submit a valid application in 2021/22/.

Community Asset Transfer Activity Under Dundee City Council's Voluntary Scheme 2020-2021

Property address	Applicant	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	0.467	Redevelopment to create childcare facility	Agreed to transfer under Dundee City Council's voluntary scheme July 2020.

Property address	Applicant	Pre-Application Received	Rights requested	Proposed use	Outcome
Mitchell Street Centre Mitchell Street Dundee DD2 2LJ	Youssef Youth Initiative	11/03/21	Ownership	Organisational base and spaces for community classes.	Continuing support from Community Empowerment team to develop full application
Fairmuir Park Bowling Green and Pavillion 21 Fairmuir Street DD3 8JG	Alexander Community Development	02/02/21	Ownership	For use for various community programmes including training young people in trade skills.	Continuing support from Community Empowerment team to develop full application
Kirkton Community Centre Derwent Avenue DD3 0AX	Kirkton Local Management Group (Kirkton) Community Larder	02/12/2020	99 Year Lease	Community Centre and Food Larder	Continuing support from Community Empowerment Team to look at other sites as well.

