

Consultation

North Lanarkshire Council Community Asset Transfer Policy

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Planning for the future

- Our *Community Plan / SOA* sets out what the council and partners expect to achieve between 2013/14 and 2017/18.
- The North Lanarkshire Partnership is also committed to delivering its *Social Enterprise Framework* and *Action Plan* over this time

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Planning for the Future

- Community Plan/SOA theme:

Regeneration

Key Priorities - *Economic Recovery and Growth*
 - *Employment*

- Social Enterprise Framework theme:

Developing Community Assets

Key Priority - *Developing a North Lanarkshire*
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Our Vision

“To further deliver community regeneration and unlock potential for local projects and services via the council’s assets.”

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Description of Asset Covered

For the purpose of this policy an asset is:

- Land or buildings in the ownership of North Lanarkshire Council.
- The policy applies to assets that are underperforming or deemed surplus to requirements

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Some Examples

- **Newmains Community Trust**
 - Land at Parkview Crescent transferred for new build community Hub
- **Glenboig Neighbourhood House**
 - Glenboig Community Centre, on a lease basis working towards community asset transfer

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Key Policy Messages

- The council will work with third sector organisations (TSOs) and respond to enquiries on the potential for community asset transfer
- The council will consider transfer of an asset via an application process, supported by robust business plan from eligible TSOs

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Key Policy Messages

- The council recognises that community asset transfer can be a valuable part of community empowerment, enterprise and community lead regeneration
- North Lanarkshire Council fully supports the underpinning principles of community asset transfer whilst recognising that some assets must remain in council ownership to support the delivery of essential services

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Policy Development

- **March/May**
 - Wider council service, voluntary sector and elected member consultation
- **March onwards**
 - 2 to 3 pilot projects identified
- **August 2014**
 - Final draft policy to North Lanarkshire Council Policy & Resources (Regeneration & Infrastructure Sub) committee

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Things to Remember

- Not all the council's assets which have been declared surplus are considered suitable for community asset transfer
- The council is committed to maximising its assets, building on existing partnership working with the third sector
- The council will put in place a transparent process for community asset transfer
- We are consulting on the policy, no decisions will be taken until August

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How to Respond

<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/communityassettransfer>

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