

**EXCERPT OF MINUTE OF MEETING OF POLICY AND RESOURCES (REGENERATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE) SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2014****COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (CAT) POLICY**

15. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 February 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) seeking approval to consult on a draft new Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Policy, as contained within the Appendix to the report; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that the draft Policy would require wide consultation and input from across the Council and the voluntary sector to enable it to be supported by robust processes and guidance; (4) setting out a proposed consultation timetable, and (5) proposing that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Convener, to identify two or three CAT projects for trial, so as to inform the final draft policy.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the draft Community Asset Transfer Policy, as contained within the Appendix to the report, be approved for consultation;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Convener, to identify two or three CAT projects for trial, so as to inform the final draft policy, and
- (3) that the Head of Planning and Regeneration submit a further report to the Sub-Committee containing details of an updated CAT policy for approval informed by the consultations and lessons learned.

**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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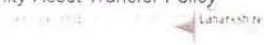
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**Planning for the Future**

- 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  
Community Asset Transfer Policy*



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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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
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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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
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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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