



Dorset
Council

Community Assets Transfer

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Purpose –transfer of assets to communities to help them to be stronger, more resilient and sustainable.

Eligibility

- town or parish council
- voluntary organisation
- community-based organisation

Two categories

- assets with value lower than £15,000
- complicated and/or assets with value over £15,000

Policy – agreed by Cabinet 27 July 2021.

- [low Value Asset Transfer Policy.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Dorset Property High Value Asset Transfer.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Transfer process

- online application – for both types - [Transfer of community assets - Dorset Council](#)
- low value – aim to assess in 12 weeks
- complicated/high value - assessment likely to be 6 months or more
- actual transfer of asset could be longer
- decisions to be endorsed by Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Assets & Property & Community Services
- for complicated/high value assets – business plan may be required and an Assets Transfer Board will consider all requests and make recommendations to Portfolio Holders
- appeals – within 28 days of decision in writing to Complaints Team

What you need to start an application

- a plan compliant with the Land Registry's requirements - (see [the gov.uk guide](#) for help)
- an email address for contact purposes
- the Land Registry Title Reference Number(s) should start DT. (You can [get this from the Land Registry](#) if you don't know it)

Assessment criteria

- the benefit of the community
- the local community involvement
- the sustainability of the asset
- how you will organise yourself to manage the asset
- ability to manage the asset

Capacity

- limited by the number of applications we can process at any one time
- looking initially for 5 low value and 1 high value applications to test the system
- we will respond within 2 weeks of receipt of your application to acknowledge receipt and advise next steps

What is NOT available for transfer

- assets held for investment purposes
- vacant land or buildings that may generate a capital receipt, regeneration revenue or corporate aspirations
- assets of a rural nature
- education and statutory early years premises (unless such assets have been declared surplus)
- care facilities that form part of a Care contract

What is NOT available for transfer

- residential Properties
- land held for future development by Dorset Council or partner
- car parks owned and run by Dorset Council
- buildings used primarily as delivery sites for Dorset Council Services
- potential buildings which may be considered as Community Access Points/Hubs in later years
- vacant Land or buildings that can generate a capital receipt in excess of £10,000

Questions?