



Dundee City Council Community Empowerment Report

2023/24



1. Introduction

The Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 requires local authorities to report on asset transfer and participation requests each year. The tables on the following pages provide information on the number of asset transfer and participation requests received by Dundee City Council in the year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024.

However, they do not represent the totality of community empowerment activity in Dundee. While not captured in the table on asset transfer, Dundee City Council lease over 60 properties to community groups at less than market value and local authority officers have sold properties to community groups and charities at low or no cost using other instruments available. This includes one property in 2023/24.

Dundee City Council are currently developing a Community Wealth Building Land & Assets Policy which aims to increase the number of council assets leased or sold to community groups and charities. The new policy will contribute to our Community Wealth Building ambitions, matching the applicant with the most appropriate route for them to lease or own a property, including through Community Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment Act.

The number of Participation Requests received must be seen in the context of the amount of community participation work which Dundee City Council already undertakes under Local Community Planning arrangements, detailed in Part 2 of the Community Empowerment Act. Alongside community planning partners, Dundee City Council have strengthened Local Community Planning arrangements for supporting and working alongside local citizens on areas of importance in their communities. The Locality Leadership Scheme was adopted in late 2022, giving communities a greater voice in Local Community Planning arrangements and in 2023/24 199 community organisations and projects were supported by Dundee City Council to be involved in improving lives in their communities. In 2023/24 583 unique individuals were supported to contribute towards Local Community Planning outcomes in their community.

Dundee City Council have a webpage promoting both Community Asset Transfer and Participation Requests [Community Empowerment | Dundee City Council](#). Applicants for either an Asset Transfer or Participation Request are supported by Community Learning & Development Workers within Dundee City Council's Communities service. The Communities team are focussed on working in areas of the city which experience the most disadvantage with the aim of reducing inequalities through their targeted work.

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2. Data Tables

Community Asset Transfer	
Reporting period - start	1 st April 2023
Reporting period - end	31 st March 2024
Total number of asset transfer requests received under the Community Empowerment Act 2015	1
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	0
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

Participation Requests	
Reporting Period Start	1 st April 2023
Reporting period - end	31 st March 2024
Total number of participation requests received	1
Number resulting in:	
A participation request being agreed to	0
A participation request being refused	1
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	0

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