**Community Asset Transfer**

**Annual Report**

**1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021**

The purpose of this paper it to report on Community Asset Transfer (CAT) in North Lanarkshire over the last 12 months. Between the 1st of April 2020 and 31st of March 2021. The Community Asset Transfer CAT) provides a process and support to local community groups and organisations (Community Transfer Bodies).

The CAT process has recently been under review. The revised policy is available on the council website [www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/communityassettransfer](http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/communityassettransfer).

**Breakdown of CAT activity for the year**

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| **Status** | **Numbers** |
| successful outcome/complete | 5 |
| not progressing or unsuccessful | 9 |
| outstanding lease agreements | 0 |
| outstanding CAT Requests | 2 |
| participation/alternative participation process | 2 |
| early enquiries/pre-application stage | 8 |
| Total | **26** |

**What is Community Asset Transfer?**

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Section 5 sets out a clear framework for community and voluntary groups that are interested in Community Asset Transfer. The aim is to work with groups and organisations (Community Transfer Bodies) to enable them to improve their local community through the ownership of land and buildings and strengthen their voices in the decision that matter to them and their community.

**Why do we do it?**

We are committed to supporting local people to play a more active role in Community Asset Transfer. We know it can have a significant impact on realising opportunities for community empowerment, enterprise and community led regeneration in North Lanarkshire. We will work with communities to support Community Asset Transfer Requests as a potential mechanism for encouraging community ownership and involvement in local service delivery.

**What is involved?**

The process starts with a conversation with our Co-production officer as early as possible if you are thinking of taking over a building or facility. That way, you can begin to discuss, what you want to do, premises that might be suitable and how you might secure the necessary funding for your project.

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