

Asset Transfer

Newcastle City Council

Beyond Asset Transfer

Newcastle City Council has been supporting the asset transfer of community buildings since 2013.

For some organisations, asset transfer has opened up new and exciting opportunities, whilst others have considered the option but have decided not to pursue asset transfer due to governance and / or financial capacity.

To continue to develop the concept of cooperative asset transfer, we are conducting a study into how successful organisations have been, post asset-transfer. This focuses on the following:

- Financial sustainability;
- Other (non-financial) challenges faced by organisations post the transfer process;
- The effectiveness of advice and support pre and post transfer;
- What outcomes for local communities have been achieved;
- What support (non-council) organisations have been able to secure;
- The benefits of creating cooperative networks of community assets.

All of this will enable Network Members to strengthen our support and practice around this important agenda. It will also help to define asset transfer policy in a cooperative context. We hope this will inspire more local organisations to go for asset transfer by highlighting success and showing what is possible through cooperative approaches.

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As a result of a 'call for evidence' Newcastle City Council received information and experiences from a diverse range of partners including members of Co-operative Council's network and community and voluntary organisations involved in Asset Transfers.

These findings have been collated in a draft report which will be shared with Co-operative Council network members and other contributors. It will also be the subject of a Live online



discussion in May 2018 where participation will be promoted to all network members and beyond.

Although the evidence gathered showed us that every transfer is unique and different, themes and commonality have emerged.

As more transfers are completed both local authorities and the voluntary sector are learning from their experiences. The process is getting more streamlined and efficient and therefore easier and quicker for all. The study has also provided evidence of how barriers are successfully being overcome and has helped identify ways to make the process easier which we can all learn from.

Recommendations will be set out in the report which may be considered to support members with future transfers (as well as the further learning via additional resources and useful information which will also be shared).

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