



REQUEST 19193

1. Does the authority have a published Community Asset Transfer policy?
 - a. If it does, please provide a web-link to the policy.
 - b. If it doesn't, is Community Asset Transfer (CAT) integrated into another policy within your local authority – such as wider asset management strategies or voluntary, community and social enterprise policies? Please provide a web-link to this, if so.
 - c. If it doesn't, does the authority have a CAT policy that is not- published / only available on request? Please provide a copy if available, if so.
2. If the authority has a CAT policy (whether integrated into another strategy or a non-published policy), when was this last updated or reviewed?
3. How many land or building assets has the authority transferred to community ownership* through Community Asset Transfer in the following time periods (financial years): 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?

* For the purpose of this question, please provide the number of assets that have been transferred using the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 (Local Government Act 1972), which enables the transfer of assets at less than best or nil consideration to achieve a defined community benefit.
4. Of those assets that have been transferred, how many are on:
 - a. A freehold agreement.
 - b. A long lease of at least 25 years or more.
 - c. A lease of between 5 years and 25 years.
 - d. A lease of less than 5 years.

Please provide this information for the same time periods as for the answer to question 3 if possible.

RESPONSE

1. Wigan Council do have a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy:
[CAT Policy April 2022](#)
2. April 2022

The CAT policy is currently under review, to align with the Council's 'Progress with Unity' strategy.
3. The Authority has currently 141 properties on community asset transfer.

We do not have readily available historical record showing this number year by year, or providing a running total of properties disposed of at an undervalue under the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 (Local Government Act 1972).
4. According to our records, community asset transfers by Wigan Council currently are as follows:

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| Lease | 107 |
| Licence | 22 |
| Vacant | 12 |
| Grand Total | 141 |

We do not have historical figures for this, only the latest / current position.

5. Currently, how many land or building assets does the authority own in total? Please exclude social housing assets from this total.

6. How many of the authority's land and building assets are currently identified as potential assets available for CAT? Please state if you do not review assets available for CAT in this way.

5. 1,248 assets excluding social housing

6. We do not review assets for CAT in this way.