

# BCP Community Asset Transfer Policy

## THVC Community Asset Transfer Document Working Group Response Recommendations-

Having examined the short consultation paper it is proposed that THVC answer accordingly:

**Q To what extent do you feel the draught community asset transfer policy is clear and easy to understand**

A Somewhat agree

**Q Do you have any comments on the asset transfer process including appeals and time scales**

A See comments below

**Q do you have any comments on the guiding principles**

A See comments below

**Q do you have any comments on the terms of CAT?**

A See comments below

**Q do you have any comments on the eligibility and assessment criteria?**

A See comments below

Then there are open questions that are to be completed accordingly:

**Q What if anything is missing from the draught policy**

A A single clear overarching comprehensive statement of the long term primary social policy for the whole of BCP. From that, the specific Community Asset Transfer Policy should sit comfortably and transparently within the overall strategy. With the parlous financial situation BCP currently finds itself in, any short-term asset stripping of long term socially desirable BCP assets must be avoided at all costs.

**Q Do you have any suggestions on what BCP council can offer to organisations applying for community asset transfer?**

A In the unlikely event that any charity/community group will be able to afford a full commercially priced freehold asset transfer under the terms proposed, BCP must consider its community and social policies to enable serious discussion about favourable leasehold opportunities of BCP properties and assets to be made available to local communities to run for the local good of their community. Commercial disposal must be considered only as a last resort and only after discussions with all locally appropriate groups have been completely exhausted.

**Q Do you have any further comments about this draught policy**

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