



Reference: RFI 1801106

**Request:**

1. **Does the authority have a published Community Asset Transfer\* policy? \*Community Asset Transfer enables local authorities to transfer the ownership/management of their assets to community organisations at less than full market value – in order to achieve a defined public benefit.**

No the Council does not have a published community asset transfer (CAT) policy at this time.

2. **If Yes, please provide a web link to the policy.**

Not applicable.

3. **If No, is Community Asset Transfer (CAT) integrated into another policy within your local authority – such as wider asset management strategies or VCSE policies?**

Not at present. If the Council receives a request for a CAT, each case would be considered and the case would be taken through the Council's Cabinet process for consideration.

4. **If Yes, Please provide a web link to this policy, if published.**

Not applicable.

5. **How many of the authority's land and property assets have been disposed of in the following periods: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 (to date)? For the purposes of this FOI "disposal" means a sale on the open market for monetary consideration or the letting of any council land or building, or part of a building, regardless of the length of term of the letting. Please note we are not concerned with any land or property transfers to other departments or changing the use of the land from one statutory purpose to another, so please exclude these figures from your return.**

The Number of Lettings recorded within the asset management database completing within the following years is:

2012/13 = 145  
 2013/14 = 162  
 2014/15 = 186  
 2015/16 = 144  
 2016/17 = 118  
 2017/18 = 98

Number of Land and Property Disposals in the following periods	
Year	No of Disposals
17/18	4
16/17	4
15/16	9
14/15	18

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13/14	21
12/13	17
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- 6. In relation to the number of disposals in Q5, how many were made to 'for-profit'\* organisations in the same time periods? \*For-profit organisations make private profit for their directors, members or shareholders. Different types of organisation can be 'for-profit'. It is not a legal structure in and of itself.**

We do not record nor hold this information.

- 7. Typically, authorities operate a 5 year programme for the disposal of their surplus assets. Looking ahead over this period, how many of the authority's current land and property assets are being considered for declaring as surplus to requirements? \*We define surplus to requirements as 'not required for operational purposes any more and as a result identified for disposal'**

The Authority runs a rolling programme in respect of the disposal of its surplus assets where it continually reviews its land and property holdings for disposal opportunities. At the current time it has 26 land and property assets which have been declared surplus and it is progressing a number of property transactions in respect of these assets.

- 8. In relation to the potential land and property assets being considered for declaring as surplus to requirements in Q5, what percentage of the authority's existing asset base do they represent? If it is not possible to produce an exact percentage figure at this time, then please provide an estimate, and indicate if that is the case.**

The current estimated percentage of assets held for sale can be calculated as follows:

- in the figure provided for Q7 the current number declared surplus is 26. Compared against the number of non residential premises held in the property portfolio which is 664 in total those are owned by North Tyneside Council. The percentage figure provided is therefore approximately 3.915%.