



My Ref: FOI 5765  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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Dear Requester,

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

**We are compiling a UK-wide snapshot of Community Asset Transfer activity across local authorities. This request is being issued close to the end of the financial year so that authorities are able to report activity for the financial year 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026.**

**For the purposes of this request, “Community Asset Transfer (CAT)” includes Asset Transfer Requests, devolution arrangements and similar processes for transferring or delegating management of public assets to community organisations such as charities, community groups, social enterprises, parish or town councils or similar locally governed bodies.**

- 1. Does the authority operate a formal CAT process?  
(Yes / No / Under consideration)**

Yes

- 2. How many asset transfers to community organisations completed during the financial year 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026?**

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- 3. Approximately how many assets are currently identified by the authority as potentially suitable for CAT?**

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- 4. Is the authority currently undertaking or planning a proactive CAT process (beyond responding to individual requests from community organisations)?  
(Yes / No / Under consideration)**

No

- 5. Does the authority have a dedicated officer or team responsible for CAT programmes?  
(Yes / No / Under consideration)**

Applications for CAT transfers are dealt with by Estates in collaboration with the relevant department responsible for the asset and resulting partnership agreement monitoring the outputs of each individual transfer.

**If the authority does not hold this information centrally, an approximate figure is sufficient.**

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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