

Written submission from Angus Council

The authority does not have any arrangements in place to hold some or all local authority assets in a separate land holding. We hold all our titles to land in the name of the Council. Some can be trust or common good assets which are identified separately in the Council's accounts, but the title is in the name of the Council as owner.

When disposing of assets the Council declares the asset surplus to requirements and places the asset on the open market. A valuation is placed on the asset by Council registered valuers or external advisers. However, assets are sold at Open Market Value except when Community Asset transfer Policy applies. Determining if an asset can be used for something else is an exercise undertaken by the Council and its partners prior to an asset being declared surplus. In some instances assets have been reused for housing development and in others for community asset transfer.

Angus Council has an active policy on Community Asset Transfer (<https://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2013/NeighbourhoodServices/525App1.pdf>). Many projects are underway ranging from new and innovative uses for an asset through to communities taking on a village hall or Bowling Green. The policy takes account of the community benefit of transferring an asset to a community group in determining the value.

We have no real difficulties with disposals in our area but the size and age of the asset e.g. former school which has listed building status can also be a factor influencing the value.