

Strategic Assets Network (SAN Series 73)

Community Challenge?

A workshop discussing the positive stories and some of the difficulties encountered in community asset transfer across the UK

4 hours CPD

Webinar

Wednesday 25th September
Thursday 26th September
Wednesday 2nd October

Purpose

Seventeen years ago, the 'Quirke Review: Making Assets Work' was published as part of the then Government's programme for empowering communities and overcoming barriers to more community asset management and ownership. 'Community transfer' wasn't new, but the report, and the movement behind it, saw a significant acceleration in the number of assets considered for transfer.

Fast forward those seventeen years and local government is in a very different position. Austerity has put significant pressure on authorities to reduce running costs and community transfer of assets (and services) is seen as an essential tool in achieving this objective alongside the original focus of community empowerment. Subsequent government policy has added to this momentum with the requirement in England to produce lists of Assets of Community Value, whilst in Scotland we have the Community Empowerment Act.

But asset transfer is not without its problems. What guarantee is there that the community organisation will be able to maintain the building in the long term. Are we just transferring problems or liabilities?

Our next series of Strategic Assets events will revisit the area of asset transfer. We're not going to question the legislation, but look more at policies, processes and procedures within authorities themselves. We will then have an open discussion with attendees having the opportunity to ask questions of each other on how they handle specific aspects of community transfer. It should be an interesting debate.

As usual the morning will start with our essential Strategic Update. With a new Government in place it will be even more of 'a must attend session' which will explore emerging policy, potential legislation, and news from around the UK which impacts on the strategic management of property assets.

Learning Outcomes

Delegates will:

- Develop an understanding of Community Asset Transfer policies, processes and procedures.
- Learn from what others are doing around the United Kingdom.
- Gain a general update of the latest news on Strategic Asset Management within the Public Sector.

Who Will Benefit?

Anyone involved either directly or indirectly in community asset transfer affecting local government. This might include economic development officers, strategic delivery managers, strategic property managers and asset managers, strategic finance managers, corporate policy and performance managers, and anyone involved in the strategic management of property assets and community empowerment.

Programme

09.30-10.00

Online registration

10.00-11.10

Session 1 – Strategic Update

Our first session of the day will explore what is happening in some of the key areas affecting strategic management of property assets, including emerging policy from the new Government, new/proposed legislation, environmental issues, and procurement, together with touching on other areas such as schools and housing.

11.10 – 11:30

Break

11.30 – 12.40

Session 2 – Community Asset Transfer – The story so far

A bit of history, but this session will mainly focus on approaches to asset transfer around the UK, looking at policies and procedures from a range of authorities.

12.40 – 13.10

Lunch

13.10 – 14.10

Session 3 – Discussion Groups – Community Asset Transfer

An opportunity to ask the questions and discuss the topics you want in a supportive group.

14.10 – 14.30

Session 4 – Feedback from group discussions

16.00

Summary and Close

The facilitator for this event will be:

David Bentley FRICS, CIPFA Associate, CIPFA Property. David has had a long association with CIPFA Property, being its Head of Asset Management prior to becoming an Associate. He is a world-leading expert in all matters property and asset management, advising governments and local authorities in the UK and internationally.



Booking Details

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