

Item 10 - Question Time

Response to Mrs M Davidson

Highland leads in terms of community owned assets with 22.4% of the Scottish total.

The Council has had a policy in place to deal with Community Asset Transfer Requests at below market value since June 2012. It includes:

1. Communities expressing interest in the transfer (through ownership/lease) of Council owned vacant and surplus land and property are invited to prepare a business case to support their proposals, and to demonstrate that their proposals are viable and sustainable as well as how their proposals support the Council's Aims and Objectives.
2. Community interests in Council property asset transfer are either sponsored by the outgoing occupying Service (if that Service has an interest in supporting a particular community proposal) or, if not, by the relevant Ward Manager in developing and bringing forward their business case.

I have passed Mrs Davidson additional detailed information on the operation of this policy and also information on all the disposals of Council property to community groups since 1st April 2010. I am happy to make this information available to other Members.