

7 April 2026

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2026/00247**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 6 March:

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and equivalent Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we would be grateful if you could confirm the following information regarding Community Asset Transfer or similar asset devolution initiatives within your authority.

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)

No formal process, however the authority is always open to considering proposals for a CAT.

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

0.

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

The authority does not formally identify but is open to discussions across the community asset portfolio.

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 - the authority responds to individual requests.

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

This is dealt with by the property team.

If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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