

Community Asset Transfer

Stage 1: Expression of Interest

Dumfries and Galloway Council is committed to Community Asset Transfer ('CAT') where that will bring benefits to our local communities. All Community Transfer Bodies (CTBs) wishing to apply for an asset through Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Asset Transfer Procedure should complete this application form.

Completion of this form opens engagement with the Council and allows us to allocate support to your group via our local Ward Officers who work closely with local partners. When you express an interest we will provide you with a local point of contact and support and advice help you work your way through all aspects of the asset transfer process.

The formal asset transfer process can involve detailed business planning and it is important that groups receive good advice prior to this stage. Stage 1 is a pre application stage to allow groups to consider fully what is required in the business plan which forms the basis of the formal asset transfer request. If your group wishes

If your group wishes to apply for an asset through Dumfries and Galloway Council's CAT process, please complete this expression of interest form and send to the Community Development and Empowerment Manager (contact details below).

Community Development and Empowerment Manager

Communities Directorate

Dumfries and Galloway Council

Municipal Chambers

Buccleuch Street

Dumfries

DG1 2AD

Tel: 030 33 33 3000

Email: CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

1. Please provide details of the organisation making the application

Name of Organisation	The Furniture Project (Stranraer) Limited
Address of Organisation	Enterprise House Zero Waste Park Fountain Way Blackparks Industrial Estate Stranraer DG9 7UD
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	

2. Please provide your contact details

Your Name			
Contact Address	Enterprise House Zero Waste Park Fountain Way Blackparks Industrial Estate Stranraer DG9 7UD		
Telephone Number		Fax Number	
E-mail Address			
Position in the Organisation	Project Manager		

3. Structure of the organisation

What type of organisation are you?	Charity
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Do you have a formal constitution, governance document or set of rules? Yes No

4. What is the structure and purpose of your organisation?

How many people are involved in your organisation, ie:-

Management Committee	<input type="text" value="7"/>	Paid part-time staff	<input type="text" value="6"/>	Paid Full-Time Staff	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Volunteers	<input type="text" value="18"/>
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Others Please provide details of other posts below

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When was the organisation established?	2nd July 1997
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5. Please tell us about the asset (building or land) you are interested in

Name of Asset	Enterprise House (and vacant plot at the rear/south side of Enterprise House)
Address of Asset	Enterprise House Zero Waste Park Fountain Way Blackparks Industrial Estate Stranraer DG9 7UD

Type of transfer you are interested in (transfer of ownership or leasing). If leasing, what length of lease is required?

Transfer of ownership

6. Please use next page to tell us, using no more than one side of A4 paper

A. What do you want the asset for?

B. What benefits will this bring to the local community?

Signed	<input type="text"/>	Position	Project Manager
Name	<input type="text"/>	Date	15th November 2019

Completed applications should be emailed to CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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SUBMIT

The Furniture Project has a 20 year lease and service agreement with Dumfries & Galloway Council to provide Reuse Services from the Community Reuse Shop facility at the Zero Waste Park in Stranraer. This has been in operation for two years (Nov 19). The shop has been more successful, in respect of retailing to the wider community, than was projected within the original business plan. We have identified that there are greater volumes of goods that can be removed from the waste stream at the Stranraer, Newton Stewart, Garlieston and potentially Stewartry Household Waste Recycling Centres. All goods that can be retailed to benefit our community at the same time as reducing landfill costs to Dumfries & Galloway Council.

To enable us to continue with our innovative approach to community development we are seeking to transfer the land asset into the our name, so we can secure further funding to construct a mezzanine level within the current building and construct a new warehouse and yard on the land adjacent to the rear of the Community Reuse Centre building.

In addition we would, in a second phase of development, introduce a large Poly tunnel and shed to service our Café via community allotments. Consideration is also being given to a farm shop.

By securing the land as well as the building, which we own, this will enable us to continue with over the longer-term plan to provide services to the community. Currently these include Community allotments on the land surrounding the plot at the rear (south side) of the shop, where we are seeking to construct a new warehouse and yard facilities to service the existing shop and the new mezzanine floor retail units.

The proposed new warehouse and yard would connect by canopy to the existing building, and we would seek to introduce a new road entrance to the site, on the south west side, for donors to drop off goods at our new warehouse, and introduce a larger volume of parking for customers.

The mezzanine floor would accommodate ten new retail businesses & pop up shops, employing upwards of 20 new employees in an up and coming industry. We are proposing to do this by creating nine retail units that we would sub let to retailers, who would sell goods removed from the waste stream and prepared for retail use. Contained within the reconfigured building would be a café, an extended showroom and an education facility for community upcycling classes & repairs service, a community Fridge, and environmental studies for Primary and Academy school pupils, so we can seek to change the attitudes towards Reuse with our next generation of young people and beyond.

New employment opportunities amongst our existing workforce. As an example we have increased our staff team from four to ten and this year we are increasing again by a further seven. This project provides capacity to increase again to a minimum of twenty new additional jobs.

Volunteering opportunities will be integral to the ethos of the provision. We expect to provide a minimum of twenty new volunteering opportunities across the services we provide. These opportunities are generally for members of our community who are suffering hardship, effected by mental health issues or have been long term unemployed with barriers to employment.

Allotments will be provided to promote and encourage community cohesion and health and wellbeing.

The Community have access to a wider range of products at an affordable price, more specifically people living in poverty. There will be a great volume of goods diverted from landfill, reducing the burden on our landfill, reducing the need to recycle, and making carbon savings.