

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27021**

*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

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

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council holds this information, although the information is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

**Section 21** of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

All disposals including leases for 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 can be viewed at. <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/land-and-building-assets>

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

Data not held

*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

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

No

*If the authority does not hold this information centrally, an approximate figure is sufficient.*