

Gweithgor Asedau Cenedlaethol
NAWG – National Assets Working Group



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Welsh Government

Defnydd Doethach o'r Hasedau Cyhoeddus ***Making Better Use of Our Public Assets***

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Context

- Significant pressure on the Welsh Government's budget.
- Budget is already around 8% lower in real terms than it was in 2010.
- Wales to face further budget cuts from the UK Government up to 2019-20 – it could mean up to a further £175m reduction in the funding available for our public services.
- We continue to face difficult times ahead and difficult decisions.
- Important we make the best use of all our existing resources.

Context

- The 'Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed' White Paper Consultation.
- Set out proposed arrangements for regional working; a strengthened role for councils and councillors; a framework for any future voluntary mergers; and a way forward for community councils.
- Need to support local authorities to be financially resilient and able to maintain and improve services during this unprecedented period of austerity.

The National Assets Working Group (NAWG)

Background

Our Aim:

- to **enable and influence** organisations to adopt a collaborative approach in asset management ;
- **share best practice** guidance and case studies;
- to **put in place tools** to support and encourage the realisation of the efficiencies and benefits that can be derived from proactive, strategic estate management ; and
- provide **high quality support** for the delivery of public services.

Work Streams of NAWG

- All Wales Land & Property Database
- Assets Cymru /Space Cymru
- Estates Co-ordination & Land Transfer Protocol
- Community Asset Transfer Guidance
- Fleet and Passenger Transport

The Tools

- e-PIMS 'lite'
- Estates Co-ordination & Land Transfer Protocol
- Community Asset Transfer Guidance
- Assets Cymru
- Space Cymru – public access portal
- **FindMeSomeGovernmentSpace** (FMSGs)
- Best practice guidance and Case Studies

Assets Cymru

A network portal for anyone with an interest in managing public assets

The screenshot shows the Assets Cymru website interface. At the top, there is a red header with the Welsh Government logo and name, social media icons, and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories like About, News, Topics, Consultation, Legislation, Funding, and Statistics & Research. The breadcrumb trail indicates the current page is 'Assets Cymru' under 'Improving public services'. The main content area features the title 'Assets Cymru', a 'Last updated' date of 25 October 2016, and a share button. The main text states: 'Making the best use of the assets of the Welsh public sector is key to delivery high quality services for the people of Wales.' Below this, it mentions the National Assets Working Group and Community Asset Transfer (CAT). A sidebar on the right lists links for 'Assets Cymru', 'National Assets Working Group', 'Resources', 'Asset management planning', and 'Latest news'.

Space Cymru – Wales Public Sector Property Database

Land and buildings **FOR SALE** or **TO LET**

WELSH GOVERNMENT & UK GOVERNMENT.

NHS WALES, EMERGENCY SERVICES, HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS,

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS, FAITH ORGANISATIONS,

THIRD / VOLUNTARY SECTOR.



Space Cymru - Wales Public Sector Property Database

Web site for available public property in Wales available through www.assetscymru.org.uk



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O'r safle hwn cewch chwilio am eiddo a thir y sector cyhoeddus sydd ar gael i'w brynu / i'w rentu yng Nghymru. Mae'r asedau sydd ar gael yn cynnwys eiddo o'r DU a chyrrff Llywodraeth Cymru, Cyngorau, y GIG, y gwasanaethau brys, darparwyr Addysgol, partneriaid y trydydd sector, yn ogystal â Tai a sefydliadau Ffydd.

From here you can Search for public sector property and land that is available to buy / to rent in Wales. Assets that are available include property from UK & Welsh Government bodies, councils, NHS, emergency services, education providers, third sector partners, together with housing and faith organisations.

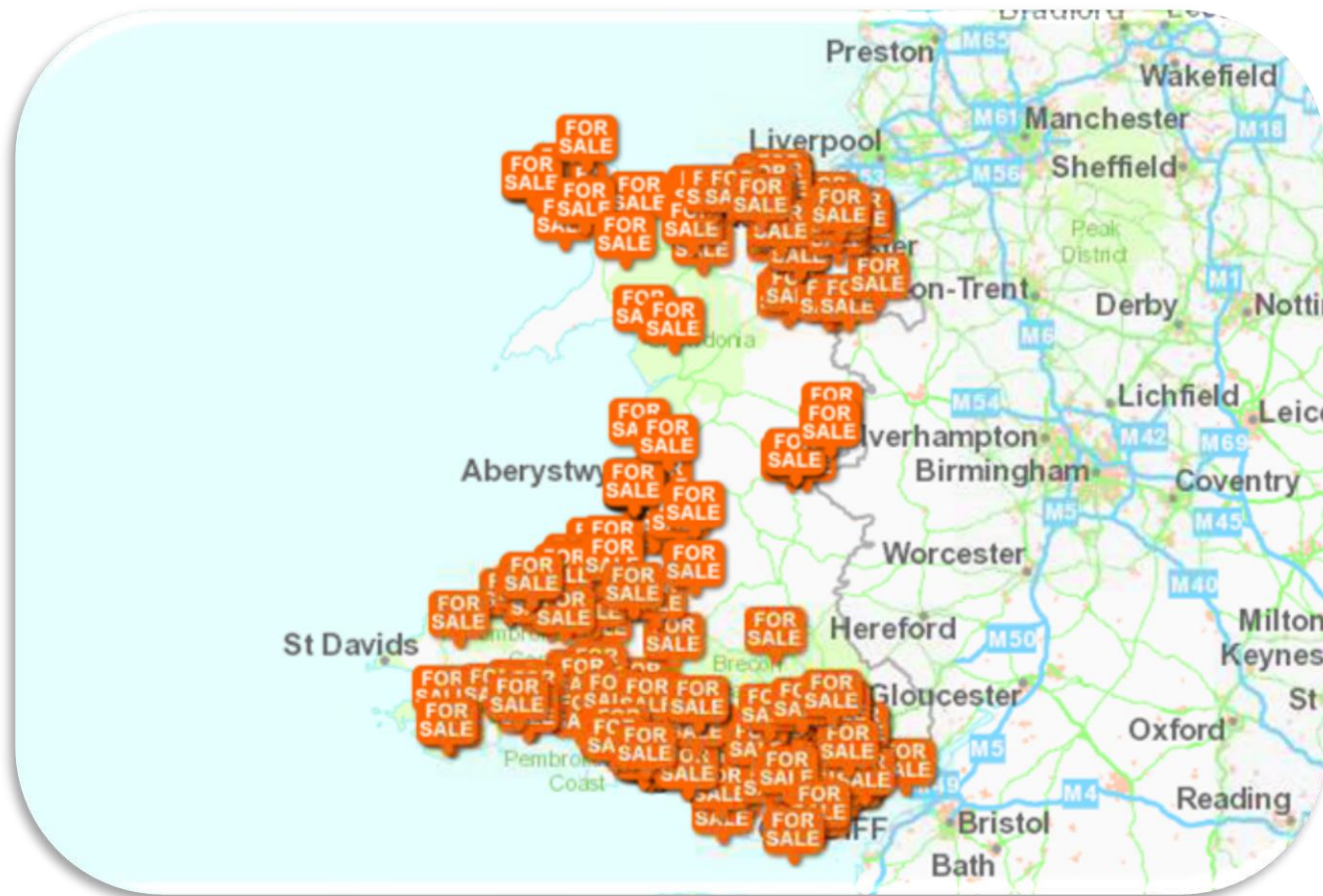
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Chwilio am eiddo a thir sector cyhoeddus sydd ar gael i'w rhentu / Search for public sector property and land that is available to rent.

Chwilio Ar Werth. Search For Sale.

Chwilio am eiddo a thir sector cyhoeddus sydd ar gael i'w prynu / Search for public sector property and land that is available to buy.

Web site for available public sector property “Assets Cymru”



Community Asset Transfers

WHAT ARE COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS ?

Community Asset Transfers (CATs) are a mechanism by which local Community Groups can secure an interest in the use of a Local Authority owned property (buildings or land) through ownership, lease or licence to enable them to deliver local services.

Community Asset Transfers

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CAT ?

- Community empowerment - giving local people and community groups greater control in the future of their community
- Building capacity – encouraging a more sustainable Community/Third Sector
- Economic development and social enterprise – community groups can bring added value by leveraging external investment and/or grants not available to the Council
- Retain and/or enhance community services that may be lost due to service cuts
- Revenue savings to the Council – contributes to efficiency targets and safeguarding core services

Community Asset Transfers

Just about the bricks and mortar ...or a route to dispose of asset liabilities!

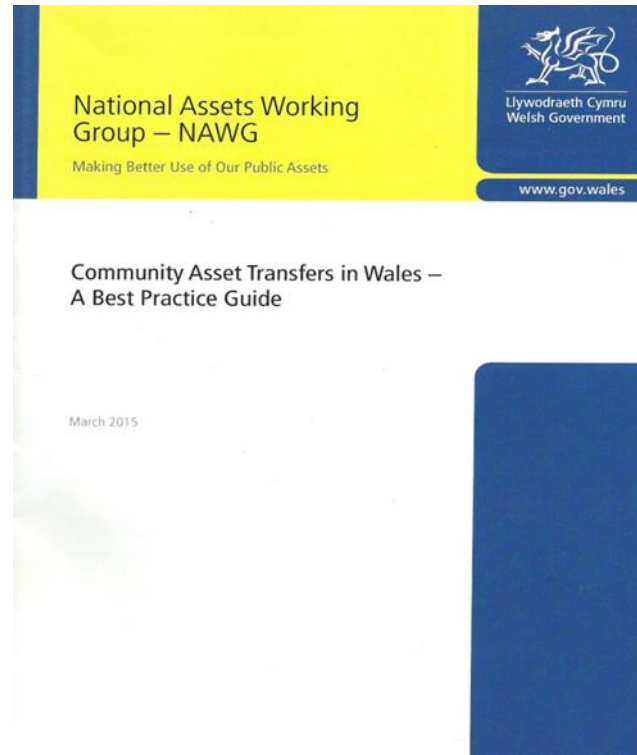
But is....



An opportunity to support the development of thriving and resilient communities and sustain and enhance long-term use of property and services

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<http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/communities/community-asset-transfer/best-practice-guide/?skip=1&lang=cy>

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Best Practice Guide developed in recognition of:

- Budgetary pressures - new models of service delivery, costs of holding assets.
- Expectation of increased numbers of community asset transfers.
- Inconsistencies in approach in terms of asset transfers.
- Expectations of community groups - capacity and capability concerns.
- Empower people in communities to ensure they have the knowledge and capacity to consider community asset transfer.
- Raising awareness of community asset transfer as an option and/or an alternative delivery model for public services.

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Important issues to consider:

- Condition of the property
- Maintenance of the property
- Existing employees / TUPE
- Long term planning
- Funding streams

Community Asset Transfers

Summary

Community Asset Transfers are an opportunity for a community to empower itself, create opportunities and jobs.

Community Asset Transfers are an opportunity to save facilities or services that could otherwise close and be lost to the community.

Community Asset Transfers are an opportunity for a community to grow and expand services previously limited or not prioritised by public bodies.

But

Community Asset Transfers must be considered very closely by Community Groups or social enterprises and they must be 100% convinced that they will become sustainable projects in the long term.

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Links to Assets Cymru:

<http://gov.wales/topics/improvingservices/assets-cymru/?lang=en>

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