

Appendix 3

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1. Model Criteria against which requests can be considered

The Table below sets out “model” criteria¹ which Councils can consider as appropriate in response to a request from a VCS organisation to manage / own a Council asset.

Not all of the criteria will be relevant in every circumstance.

Councils may wish to weight the criteria or utilise additional criteria in response to particular circumstances, they provide a guide to councils and VCS organisations of the sorts of considerations that will guide council decision making.

“MODEL” CRITERIA
Community empowerment
Create a more direct connection between the asset and local people
Enable the local community to respond to local issues
Strengthen local identity
Provide a means for local citizens and groups to access additional resources
Area wide benefits
Complement existing services or activity in the locality or other potential asset transfers.
Potential to establish a ‘hub’ of activity with benefits ‘greater than the sum of parts’.
Fill a gap in provision locally
Promote a sustainable third sector
Improve capacity/sustainability of an organisation (e.g. by being able to borrow against the asset, or create a revenue stream from the asset)
Enable organisation to leverage in additional funding or resources not available to them / Council without the asset
Add value by creating opportunities for individual organisations to work together, for example using the asset as a ‘hub’.
Economic development and social enterprise
Bring additional investment into the area
Improve existing economic activity within the local area
Encourage social enterprise
Improvements to local services
Improve or safeguard a service that would otherwise be lost
Present an opportunity to deliver specific council and /or partner priorities (e.g. from the Corporate Plan, Community Strategy or LAA)
Increase access to local services (and more likely to be used than private or public facility)
Value for money
Present an opportunity for a ‘non-operational’ asset to be used
Represent the best use of the asset, particularly in the medium to long-term.
Create efficiency savings

¹ Criteria based upon work done for CLG on benefits of community ownership and management of assets.