

## CAT/ATR/068 – FISHERMEN’S HALL, NORTH PRINGLE STREET, BUCKIE – CAT REQUEST ASSESSMENT

**Table 1. BEST VALUE CHARACTERISTICS**

THEME	SUMMARY	INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS	ASSESSMENT	
<b>Vision and Leadership</b>	An organisation will have in place a clear vision and plan for what it will do to contribute to the delivery of improved outcomes. This may be linked to one or more local or national priorities, e.g. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) or Scottish Government’s National Outcomes.	A clear plan for achieving the intended outcomes, ideally showing links to local or national priorities. Members of the community transfer body would also show that they have the relevant skills and experience to deliver the intended objectives.	Proposal supports the LOIP aim of creating more resilient and sustainable communities and is likely to lead to an enhanced service provision over the next 5 years, creating a stronger community spirit. Trust members have a wide range of relevant skills and experience.	<b>Strong</b>
<b>Effective Partnerships</b>	An organisation will show how it, and its partnerships, provides a collaborative approach to the challenges that communities face.	The detail of any partnerships in place to help ensure successful delivery of the intended benefits. Community support is vital and can be shown through a variety of metrics such as surveys, consultations or ballots.	The Trust has strong links with both user and other community groups, including working with others to tackle social isolation. It has carried out extensive community consultation through a variety of means in accordance with the National Standards for community engagement.	<b>Strong</b>
<b>Governance and Accountability</b>	An organisation will be able to demonstrate structures, policies and leadership behaviours that support the application of good standards of governance and accountability.	An outline to illustrate that the appropriate structures and policies are in place to help ensure success in the longer-term.	The Trust’s governance and financial management arrangements are considered strong and sustainable. The trust has achieved the Keystone Award.	<b>Strong</b>
<b>Use of Resources</b>	An organisation will show how its effective management of all resources (including staff, assets, and information) is contributing to the delivery of specific outcomes highlighted in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) or the National Outcomes.	Explanation of how the body’s current and future resources will be used as part of a medium to long term plan (5-10 years). This could include the numbers of employees or volunteers and the maintenance of any asset. This could include the group’s funding requirements and the sources of funding already in place.	The Keystone standard requires organisations to demonstrate that they can meet the legal and regulatory requirements for running buildings, including governance, managing money and resources, and working with others.	<b>Strong</b>

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<b>Performance Management</b>	An organisation will ensure that robust arrangements are in place to monitor the achievement of its desired outcomes as well as any reporting arrangements.	Outline the way in which a community transfer body will be able to monitor the achievement of its objectives, whether that is recording volunteers' time or the amount of benefit achieved as part of the overarching vision. To demonstrate openness and transparency it will be important to report performance to the community.	The Trust recognises the need to communicate its plans and performance to the wider community. The recruitment of additional staff, including a Hall Coordinator will allow the trustees to focus on future development and communication.	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Sustainability</b>	An organisation will demonstrate an effective use of resources in the short-term and an informed prioritisation of the use of resources in the longer-term in order to contribute to sustainable development. The goal of Sustainable Development is to enable all people to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations.	There are five broad principles of sustainability: promoting good governance; living within environmental limits; achieving a sustainable economy; ensuring a stronger healthier society; and, using sound science responsibly. A community body could demonstrate how its future funding or self-financing arrangements are to be achieved. A proposal could include any positive impact on the natural environment.	Proposal supports the creation of more resilient and sustainable communities. Proposed investment in energy efficient heating and lighting systems over the next 5 years is likely to lead to a reduced carbon footprint. The business case sets out a clear plan for the future, including the Trust's path to financial sustainability.	<b>Strong</b>
<b>Equalities</b>	An organisation will demonstrate that consideration of equality issues is embedded in its vision and strategic direction and throughout all of its work.	The community transfer body should establish that the different groups within the community have had their different needs taken into account. Any request should include where a proposal may be reducing inequalities of outcome from socio-economic disadvantage.	Equalities has been considered as part of the proposal with a primary focus on age, disability and, less explicitly, on pregnancy, maternity and sex. Engaging with new user groups will provide opportunities to consider other protected characteristics. The trust aims to support poorer families by providing services at low cost.	<b>Moderate</b>

**Table 2. PROJECTED BENEFITS (in relation to an ESTIMATED DISCOUNT of £96,250)**

BENEFIT	EXAMPLE	ASSESSMENT	
<b>Financial</b>	Reduction in public sector costs or enhancement of provision due to the proposal.	Initial lease maintained service provision, while enabling the Council to achieve an annual saving of £47,000 in operating costs. Proposal is likely to enhance services provided to the community at no cost to the Council.	<b>Very Strong</b>
<b>Quantitative Outcomes</b>	Contribution towards local or national priorities, e.g. improved standards of healthcare, contribution towards alleviating homelessness, supporting local employment.	Proposed investment in energy efficient heating and lighting systems over the next 5 years is likely to lead to a reduced carbon footprint.	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Qualitative Outcomes</b>	Improved community cohesion, enhanced local services, etc.	Proposal supports the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan aim of creating more resilient and sustainable communities and is likely to lead to an enhanced service provision over the next 5 years, creating a stronger community spirit.	<b>Strong</b>

**Table 3. OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

FACTOR	OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
<b>Governance</b>	Governance and financial management arrangements are strong and sustainable.	<b>Strong</b>	●
<b>Best Value</b>	Best Value characteristics are in evidence in the proposal.	<b>Strong</b>	●
<b>Projected Benefits</b>	Related projected benefits are demonstrated well and represent value for money.	<b>Strong</b>	●

**Note.** All factors must be assessed as either Amber ● or Green ● for the requested transfer to be recommended for approval (with or without conditions).