

CAT/ATR/058 GARMOUTH WATER TOWER – CAT REQUEST ASSESSMENT

Table 1. BEST VALUE CHARACTERISTICS

THEME	SUMMARY	INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS	ASSESSMENT	
Vision and Leadership	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 enhanced service. Association members have a wide range of relevant skills and experience.	Strong
Effective Partnerships	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 Association has carried out community consultation in accordance with the National Standards for community engagement.	Moderate
Governance and Accountability	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 Association's governance and financial management arrangements are considered strong and sustainable.	Strong
Use of Resources	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 Moray 2026 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.	Officers are satisfied that the Association has the necessary skills to meet the legal and regulatory requirements for running buildings, including governance, managing money and resources, and working with others.	Very Strong

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Performance Management	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.	Officers are satisfied that the Association's board members have the necessary skills and experience to meet the standards set out in its governing documents. The Association recognises the need to communicate its plans and performance to the wider community.	Strong
Sustainability	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.	The Association's governing documents require it to follow the principles of sustainable development, where sustainable development means development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.	Moderate
Equalities	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.	Whilst the Association acknowledges that its local community is predominantly mono-cultural, there is a clear ethos of acceptance woven throughout its governing structures.	Very Strong

Table 2. PROJECTED BENEFITS (in relation to an ESTIMATED DISCOUNT of £0)

BENEFIT	EXAMPLE	ASSESSMENT	
Financial	Reduction in public sector costs or enhancement of provision due to the proposal.	The transfer is likely to encourage recreation and exercise which could result in lower costs to the public sector due to improved health and wellbeing.	Moderate
Quantitative Outcomes	Contribution towards local or national priorities, e.g. improved standards of healthcare, contribution towards alleviating homelessness, supporting local employment.	No quantitative outcomes were identified by the group in its business case.	-
Qualitative Outcomes	Improved community cohesion, enhanced local services, etc.	The transfer will increase the amount of control that the community has to improve the amenity of the area both for local resident and for visitors.	Moderate

Table 3. OVERALL ASSESSMENT

FACTOR	OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
Governance	Governance and financial management arrangements are strong and sustainable.	Strong	●
Best Value	Best Value characteristics are in evidence in the proposal.	Strong	●
Projected Benefits	Projected benefits are acceptable and represent value for money.	Moderate	●

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