Call for Evidence:

Scrutiny inquiry into Community Asset Transfer

The primary focus for the inquiry is to look at how the Council manages the transfer of Council owned community assets in Swansea. The key question, therefore, is:

How can the Council ensure that its community assets are working to provide the best outcomes for the people of Swansea.

What is not part of this inquiry? Specific venues, only as examples of practice. The inquiry will have a strategic focus, with overview of roles and responsibilities, priorities, powers, current experience and trends, partnership activity and achievement, and how things can be improved.

The inquiry will look at community asset transfer in relation to the provision of council functions and how it works with its partners and others ensure effective management and transfer of community assets in Swansea. It will also consider what the Council does well and what can be improved in this area.

To help understand these issues and to answer some of these questions we are inviting written submissions on the following lines of inquiry:

- 1. Effectiveness of legislation, strategies, policies and procedures in relation to community asset transfer.
- 2. The Councils management of community asset transfer in Swansea.
- 3. Stakeholders role in community asset transfer.
- 4. Financial benefits to the Council of community asset transfer.
- 5. Community benefit from community asset transfer.
- 6. Risks and barriers to community asset transfer.
- 7. Ensuring due diligence is completed when transferring an asset, also that there is a clear business case and it is sustainable.
- 8. Provision of guidance and support for those taking on a community asset.
- 9. How good is the information provided to, consultation and communication with, the public and/or stakeholders.
- 10. Examples of community asset transfer experiences. What has worked well and not so well?
- 11. The Wellbeing and Future Generations implications of community asset transfer for Swansea.

The panel is keen to hear from as many members of the public and organisations as possible.

If you wish to submit evidence relating to this Inquiry you can do so by writing to us at:

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