

Table: Evaluation Criteria

Theme	Summary	Information Required
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 local and/or national outcomes. This may be linked to one or more local or national priority.	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.
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.
Governance and Accountability	An organisation will 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.
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 the national outcomes.	Explain 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 also include the funding requirements of the group and the sources of funding already in place.
Performance Management	An organisation will ensure that robust arrangements are in place to monitor the	Outline the way in which a Community Transfer Body will be able to monitor the achievement of its

	achievement of its desired outcomes as well as any reporting arrangements.	objectives, whether that be 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.
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 throughout the world 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting good governance; • living within environmental limits; • achieving a sustainable economy; • ensuring a stronger healthier society; and using sound science responsibly. A Community Transfer Body could demonstrate how its future funding or self-financing arrangements are to be achieved. Any proposal could also include any positive impact on the natural environment.
Equality	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.
Alignment with Council objectives	The organisation will demonstrate what its proposed outcomes are and how these align with the council's own stated priorities.	The Community Transfer Body will identify each of the outcomes it aims to deliver from the proposed project and will demonstrate how these

		outcomes align with the Council-stated priorities (with reference to such documents as the Corporate Plan, Single Outcome Agreement, Local Outcome Improvement Plans, management plans and corporate strategies).
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Table: Evaluating the strength of the Business Case

Evidence	Overview
Very strong	Governance and financial arrangements are strong and sustainable. Best Value characteristics are evidenced and contained throughout the overall approach. Related projected benefits are very robust and demonstrate value for money: suitability, effectiveness, prudence, quality, value and the avoidance of error and other waste.
Strong	Governance and financial arrangements are sound and sustainable. Best Value characteristics are in evidence in the proposal. Related projected benefits are demonstrated well and represent value for money.
Moderate	Governance and financial arrangements are in place and acceptable. Best Value characteristics have been considered as part of the proposal. Related projected benefits are acceptable and could lead to value for money.
Weak	Governance and financial arrangements are weak. Best Value characteristics are not well demonstrated in the proposal. Related projected benefits are not based on robust information and demonstrates questionable value for money.
Poor	Governance and financial arrangements are poor. There is little evidence of Best Value characteristics in the proposal. Related projected benefits are ill defined and/or unrealistic and do not demonstrate value for money.