

Examples of successful CAT transfers:

1) Bishopsworth Pool

Disused former swimming pool. Approx 1,000m² internal floorspace.

The Dundry View NP formed a local steering group to explore the future of the site.

Options included re-use as a community-managed pool, housing, a landscaped garden and other community uses. The cost of demolition was est £80K.

The steering group prioritised the needs of young people and selected a proposal to convert the bdg into an indoor skate park.

The applicant, Transitions Skate Community Interest Company, have created a large, state-of-the art all-weather skate park. They are currently creating a community café within the bdg and will also deliver a community meeting room and offices during the last phase of their project.

In 2015 they were granted a 25 year lease at a peppercorn, linked to a service agreement which secures a range of community-focused services & activities.

The full market rent (£20K) has been abated to a peppercorn for as long as the service agreement targets are met.

The steering group is considering options for the carpark and the grassed areas around the bdg, which will include use for a market, carparking, art installations, community food growing and a war memorial.

2) Withywood Centre

Site of former BCC youth centre, extended with two adjacent properties following land assembly.

A long lease was granted to the South Bristol Church & Communities Trust. The Church of England, the Methodist Church and the NHS all sold nearby assets and pooled the sale receipts. With additional funding from different Government and EU funding streams was, the Trust developed a large, multi-purpose community hub on 3 floors on a 0.65ha site.

The new hub provides a range of local health care facs, facs for older people, a church, offices, and various lettable spaces for community activities.

3) Greenway Centre

Large former secondary school site and playing fields, situated on the edge of one of Bristol's most deprived communities.

A long lease was granted to Southmead Development Trust on the school bdgs and part of the playing fields (total 3.8ha). The remainder of the playing fields (2.7ha) was let on a long lease for a £1.5M premium to David Lloyd Leisure Group, who have built a large health & fitness centre on the site.

The former school bdgs have been converted into a multi-purpose community facility with mtg rooms, sports facilities, a gym, training centre, small business centre, nursery and offices. The Greenway Centre also provides a home to other third sector organisations, incl a local rugby club, community radio station, and several BCC-supported projects. BCC permitted the Trust to spend the £1.5M capital fund on extensions and improvements to the bdg.