

Item 10 – Durham Ask

Please find below email in relation to “Durham Ask” from CDALC.

Parish Council is asked to consider its contents.

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To:

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Subject: The Durham Ask - an opportunity to provide services locally.

Good morning All

I've been asked to remind parish and town councils that they have the opportunity to take over the management and delivery of council services and facilities by transferring assets to local community control. This can be done through the “Durham Ask”. Please take a moment to look at the [Durham Ask by using this link](#).

If you feel as though your council wishes to take control of any local assets or services currently provided by DCC then this is your opportunity to approach DCC to do so.

A number of parish councils have taken control of community centres mainly through leases with DCC but one has managed to purchase the freehold of the Community Centre. Other councils are looking to take over grass cutting, play areas, allotments, horticultural services etc in their area. Other councils are providing or considering providing youth services in their area. A number of case studies can be found in the link shown above.

If you are interested in providing any of your local services that are currently provided by DCC then please submit your expressions of interest for consideration.

Your council can of course work with other organisations/partnerships to provide local services and can, if you have the appropriate powers, help by providing grants etc to enable services to be provided locally.

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