

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Bingley Town Council, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF



Assets Policy

Date of review: 26th July 2022

Next review date: July 2025

The value of cell 9 on the statutory Annual Return requires that the value of assets is taken from the authority's asset register which is up to date as at 31st March. The method of asset valuation adopted should be set out in a policy approved by the authority and recorded in the asset register.

Bingley Town Council uses acquisition cost for the first registration recorded on the asset register. This means that in most circumstances once recorded in the asset register, the recorded value of the asset will not change from year to year until disposal. Commercial concepts of depreciation, impairment adjustments and revaluation are not required or appropriate for local council asset valuation.

In some cases, the purchase cost may not be known at acquisition or first recording and so a proxy cost may be substituted. A proxy cost is a value for the asset which is an estimate of its value by the authority which is based on external professional advice. Bingley Town Council may apply the insurance valuation or estimated cost based on professional advice. Bingley Town Council will only apply a proxy cost where the cost/value is not known.

In cases where Bingley Town Council receives the asset as a gift, for example by transfer from a principal authority, the asset should be included in the asset register with a nominal £1 value as a proxy for zero cost.

Community assets that do not have a functional purposes or any intrinsic resale value will be recorded by Bingley Town Council in the same way as gifted assets.