

1) Will my Council Tax increase as a result of the transfer?

No, we do not believe this is likely. A business plan has been produced for the council which shows where extra revenue can be developed and costs, particularly for energy can be reduced. We expect that there will be grants available for energy conservation work.

2) Will there be any major changes in the way the library will operate?

No, the library will continue to be operated by Pembrokeshire County Council with the same staff as now. These staff will also sell tickets for the Last Invasion Tapestry, again as they do now.

3) Will there be any major changes in the way the market will operate?

The Thursday market is very important in the life of Fishguard and we are encouraged by the increase in its popularity as well as the extra markets on other days of the week. We will encourage new stall holders and new markets as well as finding potential new uses.

4) Will Pembrokeshire County Council carry out all the necessary repairs to the building before handing it over?

The Town Council have arranged a survey of the building and we expect all the urgent repairs to be carried out before handover but it is unrealistic for an old building not to need any repairs. The business plan will need to set out where funding for all foreseeable needs can be provided.

5) Is there any practical difference between a freehold transfer and a long leasehold?

No though this will be set out in the transfer documents which our solicitors will comment on.

6) What is likely to happen if the transfer does not go ahead?

Pembrokeshire County Council could try to sell the building and relocate the library to another site, though they have no legal obligation to provide a public library in Fishguard and Goodwick. This is not PCC's current stated position.

7) There are lots of opportunities to find many more uses for the Town Hall. What should I do?

If you have some ideas to make even better use of the Town Hall, then please tell a councillor and give us an idea of what else we could do.

8) When will a decision be made whether to proceed with the CAT?

Both F>C and PCC need to agree to proceed with the CAT. A proposal to proceed with the CAT will be put to F>C at its meeting on 6th October, with public feedback from these engagement sessions forming part of the proposal. A decision is expected from PCC later in October. If both bodies agree to proceed then the legal process begins. If all goes well the transfer of ownership could be completed in early 2027.