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# MANAGING COUNCIL ASSETS

Managing the compliance of all council assets is a tough ask on any council especially when always striving to do more with less. It's therefore imperative that operations staff and managers have the right tools to manage workload, easily plan work schedules and quickly report on the compliance status of each asset.



*"The AssetHQ system continues to provide us with a range of software features to help us manage our assets.*

*Users can log a works request, view utilities consumption and asbestos register and look up planned maintenance schedules. They can do all this (via smart devices and desktop PC) easily and efficiently and we can define user access to ensure only relevant data is seen by relevant individual operators.*

*We are now at the stage where our users are confident in using the database remotely, enabling them to receive "real-time" data at the touch of a button wherever they may be; thereby increasing our efficiency and reducing our reliance on paperwork.*

*IEB Software staff are on hand to answer any questions we may have. Quarterly meetings with their team assist us in requesting any updates or bug fixes that will help us ensure the software is being used to its full potential"*

**PETER CALDWELL**

Head of Assets & Property Services  
Ards and North Down Borough  
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## COMPANY CASE STUDY

### THE CHALLENGE

Having previously used an Access database to manage all council assets, the Properties & Technical Services teams at Ards & North Down Borough Council found the need to review the system as Access had fundamental problems that brought the following challenges:



Access databases were not user friendly, only those experienced in using Access could operate the system and so the need for continuous training proved time consuming and expensive.



The Access system often gave problems when it was being used by more than one person at a time and so the need for a system that could be accessed remotely through a range of devices was crucial.



Requests for maintenance/repairs could not be logged directly on the system by 3rd parties.

### THE SOLUTION

Ards & North Down Borough Council turned to the AssetHQ as the choice of Compliance Management Software to manage all planned and reactive maintenance jobs & certifications across the Property & Technical Services teams.

The council has used AssetHQ over the last few years to manage more than 25,000 maintenance jobs for the Property & Technical Services divisions. This includes management of maintenance, certificates, and inspections of their properties to include Council Offices, Playgrounds, Community Services, Public Conveniences, Leisure Centres, Cemeteries Car Parks, Harbours & Slipways and War Memorials.