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ATISN 10164

18 May 2016

Dear ,.

Complaint in respect of Request for Information – reference ATISN 10164

I have reviewed the handling of this Freedom of Information request in the light of your emails of 23 April 2016 and 1 May 2016; and in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information.

I am satisfied that the original response was handled correctly and that you were provided with all of the information which was captured by your original request.

You asked for:

1. A copy of the signed grant application form.
2. Who authorised the £ 50,000 Grant?
3. A full and detailed history, to include when Cadw were first contacted, and by whom? Dates of site meetings, which officers were in attendance, and the names of all others in attendance?
4. Confirm if the article published, in the local Gazette paper, November 5th 2015, was as a result of being contacted by Cadw?

For your first question, a copy of the Historic Buildings grant application was enclosed with Alex King's letter to you of 3 March 2016.

I understand that you were concerned that we had withheld the names and contact details of the applicant for Historic Building grant. I have considered this issue and I am satisfied that the decision to redact this information under Section 40(2) (third party personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 was correct for the reasons set out in Annex A to Alex King's letter to you of 3 March 2016.

For the remainder of your questions, it is important to note that The Freedom of Information Act gives individuals a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority at the time the request was received. It does not require an authority such as the Welsh Government to provide views or opinions where those views are not already recorded. This is confirmed by the Information Commissioner's guidance 'The Guide to Freedom of Information', page 7:

"The Act does not cover information that is in someone's head. If a member of the public asks for information, you only have to provide information you already have in recorded form. You do not have to create new information or find the answer to a question from staff who may happen to know it."

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru (Cadw) yn hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

The Welsh Government Historic Environment Service (Cadw) promotes the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

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We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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To that end, I can confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold recorded information of the description set out in 2, 3 and 4 above.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
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Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Although the Welsh Government does not hold recorded information which would be captured by the description set out in 2, 3 and 4 above, officials thought that it would be helpful to provide a response to your queries. In response to your question "Who authorised the £50,000k Grant?", an explanation of the process for the consideration of applications for grant was included in Alex King's letter to you of 3 March 2016. No formal grant offer was ever made and no grant paid. For your request for "A full and detailed history, to include when Cadw were first contacted, and by whom? Dates of site meetings, which officers were in attendance, and the names of all others in attendance.", I can confirm that the application form was the first contact with the applicant. There is no "history" prior to receipt of the application form. Information about the only site meeting which took place was provided in Alex King's letter to you of 3 March 2016

Yours Sincerely

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