



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

10 November 2016

Dear ,

ATISN 10874 – A Williams – Rhondda Life

Thank you for your request which I received on 25 October 2016. You asked for details of:

1. How much the Rhondda Life building cost to build?
2. How much the Rhondda Life building was sold for?
3. Assuming the sale price was less than the cost was there any conditions that meant the new owners pay back the cost to us taxpayers?
4. Who was the official responsible for these decisions?

The detail of that you have asked for under this Freedom of Information request (ATISN 10874) is included as Appendix 1 which is attached to this response.

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Appendix 1

How much the Rhondda Life building cost to build?

A: Welsh Government awarded Rhondda Life Limited £1,216,200 in 2009 to construct the building known as the Glynrhedyn Community Centre. The construction of the Glynrhedyn was not under direct management control of Welsh Government but was overseen by representatives of Rhondda Life Limited.

How much the Rhondda Life building was sold for?

A: Welsh Government has been advised the Glynrhedyn building was sold on the 21 December 2015 for the sum of £200,000.

Assuming the sale price was less than the cost was there any conditions that meant the new owners pay back the cost to us taxpayers?

A: At the time of sale the Glynrhedyn was under the control of receivers acting on behalf of a creditor of Rhondda Life Limited. Although Rhondda Life Limited was the legal owner of the Glynrhedyn, the decision to sell was taken by the receiver.

Welsh Government had no control over the decision to sell. There are no financial or legal conditions agreed which demand the new owners of the Glynrhedyn building to pay back the funding for the construction of the facility to Welsh Government.

Who was the official responsible for these decisions?

A; Approval to proceed with the award of funding to the Glynrhedyn was given by Welsh Government Ministers in 2009. Officials were involved in pre-construction business and project evaluation of the Glynrhedyn business case presented by Rhondda Life Limited, advising Ministers and general monitoring the scheme and the business during the Glynrhedyn build and post build periods.