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Dear ,

ATISN 11418 Flint Castle Ring Sculpture

Thank you for your request which I received on 25 July 2017 regarding the proposed new visitor attraction for Flint Castle. You asked for:

- details of how the tendering process was advertised;
- the number that submitted bids; and,
- the number of Welsh organisations that submitted bids.
- a copy of the minutes of the meeting that decided to accept design from George King Architects.

The information you requested is below:

The competition was advertised through the Welsh Government's e-tender portal Sell2Wales and thereby on the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). Adverts were also placed on the websites of the Arts Council for Wales, Arts Council England and the Scottish Arts Council. Eighteen Welsh local authority arts development organisations were also emailed with details of the opportunity and asked to share the opportunity. Artists previously known to Cadw were also contacted to make them aware of the opportunity.

The tender was conducted in two stages as follows:

Stage 1 – Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ): 29 bids received, 15 of which were from organisations based in Wales.

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Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service. Our aim is to promote the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

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Stage 2 – Invitation to Tender: The top five shortlisted organisations from the PQQ stage were invited to tender. Out of the five invited, two were based in Wales. Four responses were received, one of which was from a Wales based artist.

This tender was conducted in accordance with the EU Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015 and was therefore an open and fair procurement process offered to organisations across Europe. It was conducted in accordance with Regulations 78 to 82 of the PCR 2015 and, in accordance with the requirements of those Regulations, bids received were examined anonymously. The evaluation panel members were not aware of the identity of the bidders during the process.

The minutes of the meeting (in the form of the formal note of the evaluation panel) that decided to accept the ring sculpture design from George King Architects are supplied in Annex A.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ.

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@gov.wales

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

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

You also asked for a description of the role of the Arts Council of Wales played within the process. As this is not asking for recorded information this part does not constitute a valid Fol request. However, I can confirm that an official from the Arts Council for Wales acted as an independent member of the tender evaluation panel through both stages of the procurement exercise. They also offered advice over the procurement process in general.

Yours sincerely

Annex A – A copy of the minutes of the meeting that decided to accept the ring sculpture design from George King Architects

Please see attached PDF document.