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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11981

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 29 January 2018, in which you asked a series of questions regarding levels of funding received by Newport City Council in relation to preventing and relieving homelessness between 1st January 2016 and 1st January 2018.

I have endeavoured to respond to each of your questions in turn:

Question 1

How much money have Newport City Council received under the Welsh Government's Homelessness Prevention Grant programme from January 1st 2016 to January 1st 2018?

Newport City Council do not receive funding from the Homelessness Prevention Grant Programme, which supports predominantly third sector organisations to work, in partnership with authorities, to prevent or relieve homelessness.

Newport City Council have, however, received significant 'Transitional Funding' from the Welsh Government to help assist the authority to adapt to the new duties within Part 2 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

As the Welsh Government's financial year runs from April to March, below is Newport City Council's allocation for the two relevant financial years:

2016/17 - £174,400

2017/18 - £139,440

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Question 2

On 8th August 2017, the Community and Children's Secretary announced a further £2.1m was to be invested into preventing homelessness and rough sleeping. How much of this money did Newport City Council receive?

Newport City Council were awarded £100,682.45 revenue and a further £58,933.06 capital as part of the additional £2.6m In-year funding programme announced last autumn by the former Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children.

This funding covers the costs of a number of separate projects, but has yet to be drawn down.

Question 2a

Is this revenue included in the figure given as the answer for question 1. i.e. is it part of the Homelessness Prevention Grant programme?

No, Newport City Council do not receive any funding from the Homelessness Prevention Grant Programme. The funding outlined at Q1 is the 'Transitional Funding' associated with the new legislation, while the funding outlined at Q2 is additional funding allocated part way through the financial year to support projects that focus more on supporting acute homeless people, ie rough sleepers.

Question 3

On 28th September 2017, the Community and Children's Secretary announced a further £500,000 was to be invested into preventing homelessness and rough sleeping. How much of this money did Newport City Council receive?

To clarify, the former Cabinet Secretary initially announced £2.1m for homelessness, but following the identification of further under spend elsewhere within his portfolio, he agreed to the initial allocation being increased by a further £500,000 to make £2.6m. Newport City Council's allocation for the £2.6m is at Q2 above.

Question 3a

Is this revenue included in the figure given as the answer for question 1. i.e. is it part of the Homelessness Prevention Grant programme?

No as per the answer to Q2a above.

Question 4

What is the total amount Newport City Council have received from the Welsh Government in terms of preventing Homelessness and rough sleeping from January 1st 2016 to January 1st 2018? (If this amount is different the answer in question 1 under the Homelessness Prevention Grant programme?).

The following figures combine the answers to Q1 and Q2 and outline the funding allocated directly to Newport City Council to support the prevention of homelessness:

2016/17 - £174,400.00

2017/18 - £299,055.51

Please let me know if you wish me to clarify further the answers to your questions above.

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Yours sincerely