



23 March 2018

Dear ,

ATI 12132 – Freedom of information request – Correspondence between Welsh Government's Local Government Department and the Welsh Local Government Association relating to local authority reorganisation since 1 January 2016

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 February 2018 about local government reform. The information you requested is enclosed.

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:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: 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.

Yours sincerely



Summary of content

# pages	Content	Date/s
Doc 1 - Local Government Reform Autumn External Engagement Events		
13 pages	Emails between WG and WLGA officials re planning and marketing of events and the output of the events	15/11/16 - 22/12/16
	Email from WLGA with timetable of other relevant WLGA events	20/10/16
	Letter from WG to CE WLGA inviting nominees for stakeholder workshops/engagement events	16/11/16
	Agenda for external engagement events	
Doc 2 & 2A - WLGA responses re Government Proposals/White Papers		
58 pages + 18 pages	Note of WG & WLGA meeting on Local Government Reform: Transition committees and transaction regime	18/1/16
	Consultation response to Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, with email	15/2/16
	WLGA submitted paper: Local Government views on Cabinet Secretary's (CSFLG) proposals for Local Government Reform	Dec 16
	WLGA email with attached doc: Summary of main points from LGR Member Engagement Events	Dec 16
	Doc 2A - Consultation response to Reforming Local Government: Resilient & Renewed	11/1/17
Doc 3 - Cabinet Secretaries' meetings with WLGA		
16 pages	Note of CSFLG and WLGA meeting	2/6/16
	Note of WLGA Council meeting, CSFLG attended	1/7/16
	CSFLG attendance at WLGA conference (For info only - no note)	3/11/16
	CSFLG attendance at WLGA Co-ordinating committee (For info only - no note)	25/11/16
	Note of CSFLG meeting with WLGA Executive re White Paper consultation – Resilient & Renewed	21/12/16
	Note of CSFLG & WLGA Leader meeting	22/6/17
	WLGA Council AGM, CSFLG attended (For info only - no note)	23/6/17
	WLGA Autumn Seminar, CSLGPS attended (For info only - no note)	23/11/17
	Emails between WG and WLGA re Finance Sub-Group and LG legislation	16/1/18
	Note of CSLGPS Local Government Reform Reference Group	1/2/18

Doc 4 – Working together between Welsh Government and WLGA, including Local Government Reform Task & Finish Group		
46 pages	Email from WG to WLGA re developing a new approach to engagement	9/3/16
	Emails between WG, WLGA and LGR Task & Finish Group members re setting up group and meeting arrangements; updating on Task & Finish Group discussions; redrafting terms of reference; and requesting nominees for sub groups. Includes WLGA response.	Jun/Jul 17
	Task & Finish Group Chair's letter to Local Authority Chief Executives, cc'd WLGA Chief Executive,	13/10/17
	Attachments to above: Agendas; minutes of meetings; draft outline workplan; Presentation on LGR: Resilient & Renewed	
	Financial Planning sub group – Emails to FPSG members inc WLGA inviting to meeting, attaching group remit	1/11/17
	Financial Planning sub group – agenda and minutes	15/11/17
Doc 5 - Cabinet Secretary LGPS correspondence to WLGA		
5 pages	CSLGPS letter to Local Authorities and WLGA inviting proposals for increased powers and flexibilities	8/12/17
	WLGA response re powers and flexibilities	31/1/18