

14 August 2024

ATISN 20783 – Neuadd Caer Hotel

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 May 2024. You asked for:

1. Who agreed and signed off the loan to Gavin Woodhouse Neuadd Caer Hotel in the Conway Valley ?
2. How much was the loan for and how much was paid back ?
3. What is Ken Skates' as an MS business association with Gavin Woodhouse ?
4. Who agreed to the £500,000 grant to Gavin Woodhouse ?

As advised in my email of 24 July, I have taken the hotel referred to in your request to be the Caer Rhun Hall Hotel, LL32 8HX.

Our response

The information you requested is as follows:

1. The Welsh Government does not hold this information.
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3. The Welsh Government does not hold this information. The business interests of Members of the Senedd can be consulted in the Register of Members' Interests which is published on the Senedd's website at [Register of Members' Interests \(senedd.wales\)](https://www.senedd.wales/register-of-members-interests)
4. The £500,000 grant offer was agreed by the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport (Lord Elis-Thomas AM) and the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport (Ken Skates AM) on the recommendation of an Investment Panel of Welsh Government officials. No payments of grant were made and the offer was subsequently withdrawn.

Next steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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