

31 August 2022

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 16520

I wrote to you on 1 August regarding your request.

Information requested

You have asked for the following:

1. The total active travel fund for each year since its inception.
2. For each year advise how much was issued to local authorities and any other organisations to fund schemes.
3. If any surplus funding from the ATF budget advise what happened to this.
4. For each year how much was spent administering the ATF and who this was paid to if not internal WG costs.
5. Please also include this current financial year with budget estimates as they currently stand for the above.

Our response

I can confirm we hold some of the information relating to your request –

Please see the table on the following page for our response to questions 1,2 and 5.

	Active Travel Fund Total	Active Travel Fund Total allocated to Local Authorities	Active Travel Fund claims from Local Authorities
2018-2019	£10,000,000	£9,031,210	£8,758,473.66
2019-2020	£20,000,000	£28,879,324 [^]	£27,561,668.59
2020-2021	£30,000,000	£26,319,647	£24,241,205.18
2021-2022	£70,000,000*	£56,006,100	Not all final claims settled
2022-2023	£60,000,000*	£48,105,860	

[^]This figure is higher than the total as we had allocated additional funding later in the year.

*This sum also includes funding for active travel schemes on the Strategic Road Network, Metro, National Cycle Network, Safe Routes in Communities Grant, development of the mapping system and administration of the Active Travel Fund. In 2021-22, £2 million of this was allocated to 20mph.

In response to question 3, underspends are either allocated to other schemes within the same fund, to other schemes within Transport or returned to central finance.

In response to question 4, prior to 2021-22, Welsh Government officials were responsible for the administration of the Active Travel Fund so this was met by internal costs. From 2021-22 to date, the Active Travel Fund has been administered by Transport for Wales on the Welsh Government's behalf. This activity is part of Transport for Wales' remit and a sum of £412,000 and £1 million, for 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively, of the active travel budget goes to Transport for Wales for a range of active travel related activities including the administration of the Active Travel Fund.

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