

14 December 2022

Dear

**ATISN 16878**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 November. You asked for:

1. Information on how many councils have been selected to be awarded funding from the initial £1m of funding to support Warm Hubs? As part of this you asked for a list the date the decisions were made, the councils and the amount set to be awarded.
2. Information on how many councils have been awarded funding from the initial £1m of funding to support Warm Hubs? As part of this you asked for a list of the dates the funds were transferred to each of the councils and the amount awarded.
3. Information on if the Welsh Government provided any guidance to ensure that Warm Hubs that are in receipt of their funding are “an inviting place to spend time” as well as “open and inclusive and take into account local and cultural needs”?
4. Information on how the Welsh Government ensured the consultation processes that were asked of Councils have taken place?
5. Are there any discussions on further funding that seeks to mitigate Fuel poverty in Wales?
6. Information on any plans to extend the Warm Hubs funding?

### **Our response**

1. All 22 councils in Wales have been selected to be awarded funding from the initial £1m of funding to support Warm Hubs. A list of these is included at Annex A alongside the amount awarded to each council. Funding will be distributed in line with local authority agreed funding formula

On 20th September the First Minister announced £1m to support Warm Hubs. On 12<sup>th</sup> October the Minister for Social Justice announced that warm hubs funding will be distributed via local authorities in Wales.

2. See the list in Annex A for the award value by Council. The £1m funding is distributed to councils via the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) through a formal grant letter to the WLGA. The Grant letter was agreed with the WLGA on the 24 October 2022. Funding was released to the WLGA on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Councils draw down their funding from the WLGA. To date the following 9 councils have drawn down their funding.
  - Caerphilly
  - Ceredigion County Council
  - Conwy County Borough Council
  - Denbighshire County Council
  - Newport

- Powys CC
  - RCT BC
  - Torfaen CBC
  - Vale of Glamorgan Council
3. I can confirm that guidance was issued to councils to ensure that Warm Hubs that are in receipt of their funding are “an inviting place to spend time” as well as “open and inclusive and take into account local and cultural needs”.
  4. Local Authorities are required to engage with their local partners in the delivery of Warm Hubs funding. The formal grant letter to the WLGA contain monitoring requirements which will include gathering information on how local authorities have engaged with their local partners in the delivery of Warm Hubs.
  5. Discussions on further funding to mitigate fuel poverty in Wales form part of the ongoing budget discussions within Welsh Government.
  6. Currently there are no plans to extend the Welsh Government funding for Warm Hubs.

### **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](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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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