Dear

Request for information - ATISN 17338 - Cultural Recovery Fund

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2023.

The Freedom of Information Act provides a right to ask for recorded information held at the time a request is made. It does not require an authority to provide information, views or opinions where that information is not already recorded. Consequentially this response will deal only with the valid FoI requests contained within your email. The remaining questions you ask will be responded to separately.

Your request

You asked for the following recorded information:

- 1. In 2021 what funding was awarded to Abergavenny food festival;
- A breakdown of the £40,000 funding provided to Street Food Warehouse (SFW);
- 3. The number of events that SFW run for their £40k;
- 4. The number of those events that were held in Wales;
- 5. The number of those events that were held outside Wales
- 6. A list of who we include under 'food related organisations' as indicated in the response to ATISN 17185 'no specific engagement was undertaken with food industry bodies such as Cywain or Menter a Busnes.'

Our response

- I can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested. I have decided however that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 (information reasonably accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) as you have previously received all the information we hold on this.
- 2. The funding provided to Street Food Warehouse was from the Cultural Recovery Fund and was provided for core and essential business running costs only though the pandemic.
- 3. No such information is held as the funding was not provided to fund the staging of events.

- 4. No information held.
- 5. No information held.
- No information held. However a full list of business which received ERF Sector Specific support is published here <u>Welsh Government Economic Resilience Fund</u> <u>– Sector Specific Fund Phase 2 Awarded Organisations | Business Wales</u>

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: Freedomofinformation@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