

21 February 2025

Dear

ATISN 24373 – request for information – Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 February 2025. You asked for information regarding the UK Shared Prosperity Fund budget for 2025-26, specifically:

1. When the UK Shared Prosperity Fund budget for 2025-26 was announced
2. Whether councils were informed of a cut in the UK Shared Prosperity Fund budget ahead of the official announcement and, if so, on which date

The Shared Prosperity Fund is a legacy programme inherited by the current UK Government. Decision-making and management of the 2025-26 transition year rest with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) within the UK Government.

The UK Government confirmed publicly on 30 October 2024 as part of the Autumn Budget a transition year (2025-2026) for the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) worth £900m across the UK, representing 38% less funding than the SPF annual allocation for 2024-2025.

A breakdown of national and regional allocations for 2025-26 was published by the UK Government on 13 December 2024. The information is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/ukspf-2025-26-allocations>.

Should you want to pursue this information from the UK Government, you can make a Freedom of Information request to MHCLG via FOI@communities.gov.uk.

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

FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.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,