

11 December 2025

Dear

## **ATISN 26389 – The Books Council of Wales**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 November 2025. You asked for:

Information relating to the Books Council of Wales' assessment and decision-making process for the Revenue Publishers and Supported Post Funding Tender 2026–2031 (English-language publishing), to include the following, in PDF or e-mail export format:

#### **Board and Subcommittee Documents**

- The minutes, including attached papers of the Board of the Books Council of Wales; the Publishing Development Subcommittee; and other internal committees or panels where the Revenue Publishers Tender 2026–2031 was discussed, assessed, scored, or approved.
- Documents circulated to these committees or panels prior to, during, or following meetings relating to the tender.

#### **Assessment and Scoring Materials**

- The scoring criteria used to assess applicants.
- Copies of scoring sheets, evaluation forms, and assessment matrices relating to Broken Sleep Books' application.
- The aggregated scores of applicants.
- Written assessor comments, panel notes, and summaries specifically related to Broken Sleep Books' application.

#### **Correspondence**

- Copies of:
  - Internal correspondence (emails, memos, Teams/Slack messages, and written notes) between staff, panel members, assessors, and decision-makers relating to Broken Sleep Books' application.
  - External correspondence sent by the Books Council of Wales to other bodies, consultants, or assessors regarding the assessment of Broken Sleep Books' application.

#### **Decision Rationale**

- The final decision record, rationale, and summary explaining the basis on which the tender awardees were selected and, specifically, the reasons for not awarding funding to Broken Sleep Books.
- Internal guidance and policy documents that governed decision-making for this tender.

## **Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Creative Wales channels its support for the publishing sector through the Books Council of Wales. The funding provided to the Books Council is awarded in line with an agreed operational plan; the Welsh Government has no involvement in day-to-day operational issues, with decisions on operational matters, including the award of tenders or approach to distribution of grants, taken by the Books Council.

The Books Council of Wales is best placed to respond regarding the information which you are seeking, and I note that the Books Council was copied into your request which I received on 19 November via [post@books.wales](mailto:post@books.wales).

## **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)

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