

8 January 2026

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 26389 - The Books Council of Wales

Thank you for your email which was received on 11 December 2025.

You asked for the Welsh Government to conduct an internal review of its response to your original request for ATISN 26389.

I have conducted an internal review and uphold the decision that the information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government and that the handling of the request was correct.

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.

I note you asked for additional information in your email of 11 December 2025 which will be dealt with as a new request, reference number ATISN 26522:

- Emails, letters or briefing notes from the Books Council to Creative Wales or Ministers informing them of the outcome of the Revenue Publishers and Supported Post Funding 2026–2031 tender or summarising the process and rationale.
- Internal Creative Wales or Welsh Government briefing notes or correspondence that refer to the tender, the outcome, or its relationship to Welsh Government priorities around diversity, inclusion, and the publishing sector.
- Documents which set out how Creative Wales expects arms-length bodies such as the Books Council to embed Welsh Government policy priorities, particularly in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion, when running tenders of this kind.

A response to ATISN 26522 will be provided to you by **21 January 2026**.

I have considered your complaint in accordance with the procedure outlined in the [Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information](#) which is available by post on request or via the internet.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you 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.

Yours sincerely

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