

7 January 2026

Dear

ATISN 26493 – Maintenance of Cadw Sites

Information requested

Thank you for your clarification received on the 9 December 2025 in relation to your initial request which was received on 6 December 2025.

You asked for a breakdown of upkeep costs for the sites Cadw maintains in the Cardiff area.

Our response

Within the Cardiff local authority area, Cadw has maintenance responsibility for one asset, Castell Coch at Tongwynlais.

Annual maintenance of Castell Coch comprises two elements - planned maintenance and cleaning (undertaken as part of Cadw's All Wales Facilities Management contract) which costs circa £65,000 pa and conservation maintenance (repainting and small-scale stonework repairs) circa £25,000 pa.

This is supplemented by one-off conservation and maintenance projects including:

In 2018/19, a conservation project to repair the walls, roof and chimneys of the Keep Tower was undertaken at an approximate cost of £1.5m.

In 2023/4, the heating system was replaced at approximately £100,000.

In 2024/25 Cadw commenced a major conservation programme which will run until Autumn 2026 to address and prevent water ingress and improve the humidity of the interior thus stabilising the interior decoration and collections. This project is costing c. £2.3m and includes:

- Weatherproofing the Well Tower and Kitchen Tower by repointing stone walls, repairing the roofs, windows and chimneys. Repainting.
- Analysis of historic paint scheme in preparation for the conservation / restoration of the interior decoration and collections.

Next steps

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,