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Dear

ATISN 26-0057

Information requested

Thank you for your request which we received on 19/10/2026. You asked for the following information regarding funding to Community Energy Wales (CEW):

1. **Funding and payments**

- A breakdown of all Welsh Government grants awarded to Community Energy Wales from April 2022 to March 2026.
- Confirmation of the amounts paid, rather than simply approved.
- Details of any funding subsequently withheld, recovered or carried forward.
- Confirmation of whether additional funding has been approved for 2026–2027.

2. **Staff salaries and executive remuneration**

- The total amount of Welsh Government funding used to meet staffing costs during 2025–2026.
- The amount allocated to senior management and executive remuneration.
- Any existing records identifying the amount of public grant funding allocated to the remuneration of the Co-Executive Directors.
- Details of pension contributions, consultancy fees or other employment-related expenditure funded through the grant.

3. **Expenditure and financial accountability**

The expenditure statements or financial reconciliations submitted to the Welsh Government in respect of the £430,000 award, particularly what proportion was used for administration, staffing, consultancy, conferences, community engagement and direct project delivery.

4. **Performance and value for money**

- The performance indicators agreed as conditions of the 2025–2026 funding.
- The final performance report showing results against those indicators.
- Any Welsh Government assessment of whether the organisation achieved its agreed objectives.
- Any recorded value-for-money evaluation concerning the award.

Any recorded explanation and corrective measures agreed where objectives were not achieved.

5. **Payments to Ynni Teg**

Confirmation of whether any part of the £430,000 grant was transferred, subcontracted or otherwise allocated to Ynni Teg and, if applicable, the amounts, purposes and associated monitoring arrangements.

6. **Funding approval and governance**

- Any recorded conflict-of-interest assessments or declarations specifically associated with the decision to award the £430,000 grant.
- The records establishing the approval process, including any financial risk assessments and conditions attached to the award.

7. **Subsidy control**

Please provide the recorded subsidy-control assessment or other documentation explaining how the £430,000 award was classified and authorised, including whether it consisted of separate awards or was covered by different arrangements.

8. **Monitoring and oversight**

The final monitoring or compliance assessment conducted by the Welsh Government concerning the 2025–2026 grant.

Our response

1. **Funding and payments**

Funds as indicated in the table below represent what was awarded and paid to Community Energy Wales between April 2022 and March 2026.

Claimant	Financial Period	Amount Paid
CEW – Cost of living payment	2022/2023	£17,000
CEW – Core Revenue grant funding	2022/2023	£261,150.33
CEW – Core Revenue grant funding	2023/2024	£261,219
CEW – Local Area Energy Plan contribution	2023/2024	£5,005
Ynni Teg - Bwlchgwynt Farm Project	11/10/2023 – 31/12/2024	£730,000
CEW – Core revenue grant funding	2024/2025	£230,093
CEW – Core revenue grant funding	2025/2026	£430,000

Ynni Teg – Capital grant funding to support the development of the Penrhiw Fach Wind Turbine.	2025/2026	£1,525,000
Ynni Teg – Core Revenue grant funding	2024	£222,000
Ynni Teg – Development Bank Wales Loan funding	2025-2026	£412,000

- No funding has been withheld, recovered or carried forward with regards to Community Energy Wales between the period of April 2022 to March 2026.
- Welsh Government agreed £430,000 grant funding for Community Energy Wales from the 1st April 2026 to the 31 March 2027.

2. **Staff salaries and executive remuneration**

- Please see document 1 which has information provided by Community Energy Wales on how grant funding is utilised between 2025-2026.
- Welsh government does not hold detailed information's about how Community Energy Wales remunerates individual staff at a senior or executive level. Information is held only at an all-staff level.
- Welsh Government does not hold information regarding grant funding allocated to the remuneration of the Co-Executive Directors.
- Pension contributions and consultancy fees are not shared with Welsh Government. We do hold information about how much grant will be used for travel and expenses (see document 1).

3. **Expenditure and financial accountability**

- Please refer to document 1. This is all that Welsh Government holds which illustrates the different costs indicated as per your request.

4. **Performance and value for money**

Please find attached the grant award letter (document 2) that covers the period in this request. The grant award letter outlines the requirements that should be met to receive the grant. These form the monitoring points which are discussed in monthly meeting and evidence of delivery is then provided quarterly before grant claims can be made. Please see quarterly reports for the period. Assessment of whether the organisation is meeting agree objectives are undertaken through regular monthly meetings, completions of activities such as delivery of events, reports and other actions outlined in the grant such as producing the state of the sector report for example.

The Welsh Government is satisfied that Community Energy Wales has continued to meet objectives as outlined in their grant award letter and no record has been made of a situation where the conditions have not been met.

5. **Payments to Ynni Teg**

Please see document 1. Ynni Teg are a part of Community Energy Wales and as such this grant funding also supports their activities. Ynni Teg is not monitored separately. The grant award letter outlines the grant conditions and objectives for the funding.

6. **Funding approval and governance**

Welsh Government has not identified any conflict of interest in relation to awarding this grant to Community Energy Wales.

Please find attached the Ministerial Advice (document 3) which is the evidence to support the approval process to award the grant to Community Energy Wales. All the conditions of the grant are outlined in the grant award letter.

7. **Subsidy control**

The previous Community Energy Wales subsidy scheme (SC11303) was not considered suitable for the proposed funding arrangements, as the level of funding was above this scheme's permitted variation threshold.

A Subsidy Principles Assessment was subsequently prepared and reviewed. Following this assessment, the funding was progressed as a standalone subsidy award, rather than through the establishment of a new subsidy scheme.

The award is registered on the UK Subsidy Database as: Subsidy Award Number: 54387 View the subsidy award registration

8. **Monitoring and oversight**

Welsh Government has not identified any concerns with the delivery against objectives or conditions of the grant to Community Energy Wales. In the last year of delivery, the organisation met all the grant award objectives.

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

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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