20 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0099: Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 October 2026. You asked for the following information:

- Whether the Welsh Government, Visit Wales or any associated funding body has awarded, authorised or paid £25,000, or any other sum, to or on behalf of Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure Ltd for legal fees.

- The name of the grant or funding scheme, the amount awarded, the date of the award and the identity of the recipient.

- A copy of the grant award letter, funding agreement and relevant conditions governing the permitted use of the funds.

- Whether the funding may be used for legal advice or litigation relating to the future of Harlech swimming pool, the proposed hotel development, or the transfer or disposal of the leisure-centre site.

- Whether any grant originally awarded for tourism, leisure, capital improvements or another purpose has been varied or approved for use towards legal costs.

- If no such funding has been provided, please confirm whether your records show any application for such funding by HAL.

Our response

Whether the Welsh Government, Visit Wales or any associated funding body has awarded, authorised, or paid £25,000, or any other sum, to or on behalf of Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure Ltd for legal fees.

No funding award was made to Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure Ltd. A purchase order was issued to Harlech Community Council.

The name of the grant or funding scheme, the amount awarded, the date of the award and the identity of the recipient.

The request was not associated with a funding scheme. The award for a maximum of £24,999 was made 11 February 2026.

A copy of the grant award letter, funding agreement and relevant conditions governing the permitted use of the funds.

The award letter is provided in the Annex below.

Whether the funding may be used for legal advice or litigation relating to the future of Harlech swimming pool, the proposed hotel development, or the transfer or disposal of the leisure-centre site.

The funding was provided for commissioned legal services to deliver the following outputs:

1. Clarifying land title and resolving title issues to support potential land assembly;
2. Supporting the creation of a single serviced development plot;
3. Reducing delivery risks for future hotel developers;
4. Securing long-term community benefit through the establishment of a Community Interest Company (CIC).

Whether any grant originally awarded for tourism, leisure, capital improvements or another purpose has been varied or approved for use towards legal costs.

The funding was provided from the outset for the commissioned legal services described above.

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

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,

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Offer letter

From: (ECE - Tourism Development) < @gov.wales>
Sent: 11 February 2026
To:
Cc: (ECE - Tourism Development) < @gov.wales>
Subject: Legal Services Procurement for Harlech Hotel Development Project

Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Welsh Government / Visit Wales** to confirm that we have issued a **Purchase Order**, with a value of up to **£24,999 (inclusive of VAT)**, to enable **Harlech Community Council** to utilise our legal framework (attached) for the procurement of legal services in support of the **Harlech Hotel Development Project**.

As set out in the drafted brief (attached) , it is essential that the following outputs are delivered through the commissioned legal services:

- Clarification of title for potential land assembly and resolution of title issues;
- Support for the creation of a single serviced development plot;
- De-risking delivery for future hotel developers;
- Ensuring long-term community benefit through the establishment of a Community Interest Company (CIC).

Welsh Government / Visit Wales will oversee and monitor delivery to ensure that the outputs detailed above are completed in full and to the standards outlined in the agreed brief. The value of the Purchase Order is allocated specifically for these purposes and must be used in accordance with the agreed legal framework and your procurement process.

Please ensure that all legal services procured under this Purchase Order contribute directly to the achievement of the project's strategic objectives.

Acceptance
To confirm acceptance of the terms set out above, please reply to this email confirming your agreement on behalf of **Harlech Community Council**. This email response will be taken as formal acceptance of the Purchase Order and its associated conditions.

If you require any clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working together to deliver lasting benefits for the Harlech community.

Yours faithfully,

Croeso Cymru/Visit Wales
Economi, Ynni a Chynllunio/ Economy, Energy and Planning
LLywodraeth Cymru/Welsh Government