Dear

ATISN 17271 - FUNDING FOR SWANSEA MOSQUE AND ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 March 2023. You asked:

- 1. What is the amount that the grant has been applied for?
- 2. Has the grant been approved. If yes, what is the amount that has been approved?
- 3. What are the spending criteria and the T&Cs of the grant application?
- 4. Is the grant subject to match funding. If yes, does the matched funding have to be based on donations only?
- 5. Where will the grant money be allocated from?
- 6. Will the allocation of the grant be subject to any contractual ties to our Mosque or loss of ownership and control from the community to any interested parties, such as the Welsh Government?

Response

- 1. I can confirm that the Swansea Mosque and Islamic Community Centre applied for and was awarded a capital grant of £264,500.
- 2. I can confirm that the grant has been approved over two financial years. In 2022/23 they were awarded £125,000 and for the financial year 2023/24 they have been awarded a further £139,500.
- 3. I can confirm that the purpose of the grant is to renovate the Grade 2 listed building to help the Mosque provide additional family friendly services. It will also provide railings to external areas of the building to create a children's play area and repair the leaks to the roof. The terms and conditions of the grant are contained in our standard Grant Offer Letter, a copy of which is attached. All grant monies are to be spent in the financial year awarded.
- 4. I can confirm that the grant is subject to match funding and that this can come from a variety of sources including other grant funding and donations. I can also confirm that in this instance match funding came from Annual Community Donations, Fundraising Events, Commercial Let Income, Dent Zen Locum Limited, HMM Locum Limited, Kabir's School of Driving, Hall and Room Hire and Easy Let Homes.
- 5. The grant came from the Welsh Government's Community Facilities Programme (CFP). This funding is from public resources, i.e. from taxpayers.

 I can confirm that allocation of the grant is not subject to any contractual ties to the Mosque or loss of ownership and control from the community to the Welsh Government.

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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 faithfully