



13 December 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 19293 Community Benefit Funds

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 16/11/2023. You asked for:

1. Information on the number of Community Benefit Funds linked to a renewable energy project that are operational in Wales. You ascertain there used to be a register that is no longer operational, however you would like to understand if the Welsh Government collect any of this data.
2. The annual amount of funds distributed into Wales via Community Benefit Funds.
3. You reference the CARES scheme in Scotland and by comparison, you have asked if the Welsh Government Energy Service provide any support or advice to communities or developers in relation to Community Benefit Funds.
4. Information on what policies and support the Welsh Government have published or is available which relates to community benefit funds within the renewable energy sector. You are seeking to understand if there is any information available beyond what is stated in the shared and local ownership guidance doc.

Our response

1. I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.
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3. [Energy Service \(for public sector and community groups\): What support is available? | GOV.WALES](#)

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Community Energy Wales (CEW) receives funding from the Welsh Government to assist with the development of the organisation and delivery of the services relating to developing and promoting a membership offer. This includes engaging with developers and communities about shared ownership opportunities. More information can be found here [Shared Ownership | Community Energy Wales](#)

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