

13 February 2024

Dear

ATISN 20109

Information requested

Thank you for your requests which I received on the 17th & 18th January 2024. You asked for:

1. Whether or not Wrexham Council have informed Welsh Government that they have opted not to participate in the Empty Homes Grant Scheme for 2024 / 25.
2. If the Welsh government empty homes grant scheme will be available in 2025 / 26.

Our response

1. Wrexham Council have not informed Welsh Government that they have opted not to participate in the Empty Homes Grant Scheme for 2024 / 25. Officials are currently awaiting a decision to be made by Wrexham Council.
2. £19m of the 2023 / 24 budget for the empty homes grant scheme has been deferred to 2025 / 26. Therefore, subject to the 2025 / 26 final budget, the scheme will be available in 2025 / 26 in the participating local authority areas.

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