

24 November 2025

Dear

ATISN 26305 – Marmot Nation

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 27 October 2025 regarding the Marmot Nation initiative.

You requested the following:

1. *The total amount of funding agreed for the Marmot Nation initiative.*
2. *A breakdown of the funding by category, including (where applicable):*
 - a. *Administrative or partnership costs (e.g. work with the Institute of Health Equity).*
 - b. *Community or local authority intervention funding.*
 - c. *Research, evaluation, or communications costs.*
3. *Any decision reports, ministerial submissions, or Cabinet papers that record the approval of the funding amount.*
4. *Any communications, briefings, or internal correspondence explaining why the funding amount has not been disclosed publicly.*

Our Response

1. The total amount of funding agreed for the Marmot Nation initiative is already in the public domain and can be found at: <https://record.senedd.wales/WrittenQuestion/97542>
2. Indicative costs for the work were set out and agreed as per the table below. However, it must be noted that these were initial figures, based on best estimates at the time. When this breakdown was agreed, it was alongside the caveat that “*indicative costs for the work are set out in the table below, these are subject to formal engagement with IHE.*”

Category	2025/2026	2026/27	2027/28
IHE Consultancy (Including VAT)	120,000	180,000	120,000
Funding to support selected Marmot Places	100,000	100,000	100,000
Building capacity / resource costs	100,000	100,000	100,000
Communication and Engagement	20,000	15,000	15,000
Independent evaluation cost	N/A	35,000	35,000
Totals	340,000	430,000	370,000

At the time of agreeing these figures, formal engagement with IHE regarding costs had not occurred, and it was noted that “*Further advice will be developed should material changes in scope arise.*”

3. The relevant information from the Ministerial submission on the Marmot Nation initiative has been provided in the answer to question 2. A decision report regarding the funding amount was published on the Welsh Government website on 10 September 2025 and be found here: [Decision Reports: 2025 | GOV.WALES](#).
4. The Welsh Government does not hold the information you are requesting. The total amount of funding agreed for the Marmot Nation initiative has been disclosed publicly and is already in the public domain. It can be found at:
<https://record.senedd.wales/WrittenQuestion/97542>

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,