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Dear

ATISN 26362: Local Government Settlement for Ceredigion

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 November 2025. An acknowledgment was issued to you on 11th November 2025.

You asked for the following information, and I have provided a response to each request as follows:

- 1. Documents, briefings, or internal communications that explain the rationale for Ceredigion's funding allocation in the 2025/26 settlement, including: The basis for its ranking (15th out of 22) in overall funding increase; and the reasons why it's per capita funding increase was the lowest in Wales.**

There are no documents, briefings or internal communications with specific focus on Ceredigion's allocation. However, information is publicly available on the methodology that underlies the Settlement distribution.

This information for the 2025-26 settlement is published at:
['Background information for standard spending assessments 2025 to 2026'](#).

The '*Background information for standard spending assessments 2025-26.pdf*' has detailed explanations of the settlement methodology.

- 2. Standard spending assessment (SSA) Inputs. Providing the SSA data and weightings used to calculate Ceredigion's allocation; including Population figures and demographic adjustments, service demand indicators, and any adjustments or discretionary factors applied to Ceredigion.**

Information on the SSA data and weightings for the 2025-26 settlement is published at:
['Background information for standard spending assessments 2025 to 2026'](#).

The '*Greenbook 2025 to 2026: Service IBAs*' spreadsheet shows the distribution and weightings of each service formula under the tables in the numbered tabs.

The '*Greenbook 2025 to 2026: indicators*' spreadsheet shows the indicator data used within the service formulae, including population and demographic indicators.

In relation to specific adjustments, Ceredigion received £305,383 in top up funding in 2025-26 to reach a funding floor of 3.8%.

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3. **Any comparative analysis or benchmarking undertaken by the Welsh Government that compares Ceredigion's settlement with other rural or demographically similar councils.**

No such analysis has been carried out.

4. **Any correspondence, consultation responses, or feedback received from Ceredigion County Council regarding the settlement.**

A summary of all responses in relation to the 2025-26 Local Government Settlement (including a response Cllr Bryan Davies, the leader of Ceredigion County Council) is publicly available [here](#).

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:

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Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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