

21 January 2026

Dear

ATISN 26522 – The Books Council of Wales

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 December 2025. You asked for:

- Emails, letters or briefing notes from the Books Council to Creative Wales or Ministers informing them of the outcome of the Revenue Publishers and Supported Post Funding 2026–2031 tender or summarising the process and rationale.
- Internal Creative Wales or Welsh Government briefing notes or correspondence that refer to the tender, the outcome, or its relationship to Welsh Government priorities around diversity, inclusion, and the publishing sector.
- Documents which set out how Creative Wales expects arms-length bodies such as the Books Council to embed Welsh Government policy priorities, particularly in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion, when running tenders of this kind.

Our response

The information you requested is follows:

- Quarterly Review Meeting Minutes and Papers (attached).
- The Minister for Culture, Sport and Social Partnership's 6-Monthly Meeting with the Books Council of Wales Minutes (attached).
- The Books Council of Wales' Operational Plans which are agreed with the Welsh Government are available at [CORPORATE DOCUMENTS | Cyngor Llyfrau Cymru](#). The latest Operational Plan is for 2025-26 is [OP-Plan-2025-2026—JUNE-2025-TT.pdf](#). The Operational Plan highlights specifically how the Books Council of Wales will deliver against Welsh Government priorities and policies. It is also the basis for the annual core grant and forms part of the condition of funding.

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:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park, Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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 sincerely