



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

24 February 2026

Dear ,

ATISN 26630 – Ogmore Catchment Programme

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 January 2026. You asked for:

- Policies guidance or frameworks governing the award of funding for environmental projects such as the Vale of Glamorgan Bathing Waters Project, including whether such awards are treated as grants, procurement exercises or direct awards;
- Any documented eligibility criteria, funding scheme rules, application guidance or programme documentation applicable to the Ogmore Catchment Programme or the Vale of Glamorgan Bathing Waters Project;
- Any records setting out the decision-making process used to determine how funding recipients are identified, assessed and approved, including any assessment frameworks, scoring matrices or evaluation documents;
- Where funding was awarded directly to Natural Resources Wales without an open or competitive application process, any recorded justification, exemption criteria or approvals relied upon to support that approach;
- Any internal guidance or recorded considerations addressing the use of external contractors or third-party delivery partners in the delivery of this project.

Our response

All available information held by Welsh Government on the following points has been previously made available to you in the response to ATISN 26399 and ATISN 26498. This can be found here [FOI release 26399 and 26498: Water quality | GOV.WALES](#) and is covered under Docs 2-5.

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- Where funding was awarded directly to Natural Resources Wales without an open or competitive application process, any recorded justification, exemption criteria or approvals relied upon to support that approach.

The information regarding the following point can be found in Doc 6 of the response to ATISN 26399 and ATISN 26498.

- Any internal guidance or recorded considerations addressing the use of external contractors or third-party delivery partners in the delivery of this project.

Programme documentation relating to the Vale of Glamorgan Bathing Waters Project is available in Doc 1 of the response to ATISN 26399 and ATISN 26498.

The Welsh Government does not hold information relating to:

- Policies guidance or frameworks governing the award of funding for environmental projects such as the Vale of Glamorgan Bathing Waters Project, including whether such awards are treated as grants, procurement exercises or direct awards.
- Any documented eligibility criteria, funding scheme rules, or application guidance applicable to the Ogmore Catchment Programme or the Vale of Glamorgan Bathing Waters Project.

As your request is made under the Environmental Information Regulations, we are only required to make the information available and inform you where it may be found.

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

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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