

16 March 2026

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 26637 – Gwyrdd Bangla Project.

Thank you for your email dated 25 February 2026 regarding your request for an internal review of our FOI response, reference ATISN 26637, which you received on 20 February 2026.

In your correspondence, you clarified the grounds for your complaint as follows:

Scope – Our response indicated that “Welsh Government did not award any funding in connection to the Gwyrdd Bangla project” and therefore holds no information. You reiterated that your request concerned public funding in connection with the project, including instances where funding may have been delivered through third parties, programmes, or delivery partners, rather than awarded directly by Welsh Government.

Interpretation of Scope – You noted that our response appeared to interpret the scope of the request more narrowly than intended. You highlighted that a public authority is required to consider whether relevant information is held on its behalf or within the scope of its functions, including details maintained by agents, contractors, delivery bodies, or programmes administered for or on behalf of the Welsh Government.

You requested that this review determine whether the FOI response included searches related to:

1. Welsh Government funded programmes administered through intermediary
2. organisations;
3. The Welsh Government Energy Service or comparable delivery support mechanisms;
4. Funding streams managed by Community Energy Wales or similar entities on behalf of Welsh Government;
5. Records maintained within policy, delivery, or advisory teams connected to community energy projects;
6. Correspondence referencing the project where funding support may have been facilitated rather than directly awarded.

Upon reviewing your complaint, I have carefully examined the correspondence and documentation associated with your requests, consulted with relevant teams, and reviewed applicable published guidance.

Based on my assessment, the response has satisfied the requirement to conduct comprehensive and reasonable searches for recorded information within the parameters outlined in points 1-4 above, as well as those specified in your original FOI

request thus being "recorded information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the Gwyrdd Bangla project delivered by Ynni Teg for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024."

Furthermore, you have requested confirmation of:

- The locations searched,
- The teams consulted,
- The search terms used,
- Whether information held by delivery partners on behalf of the Welsh Government was considered.

I confirm that, in order to fulfil your request, officials conducted searches encompassing the locations, teams, and delivery partners listed below. And that the search terms applied were: "to provide details of **any funding** support awarded to Gwyrdd Bangla between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2024."

Internal scope

Consultation with the following business areas of Welsh Government:

- Decarbonisation and Energy Division
- Communities Policy Division
- Community Cohesion Division
- Community Facilities Division
- Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Division
- Economic Policy Division
- Foundational Economy Division
- Third sector Division
- Equality & Human rights Division

Additionally, a comprehensive search was conducted using **PAYGRANTS**, the Welsh Government's system for recording all grants across the organisation. This search was aimed at identifying any grants awarded to either the Gwyrdd Bangla Project or the associated entity, Bengal Dragons Foundation, within the specified period of 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024. The results of this search confirmed that no grants were awarded to either entity during the period in question.

The internal searches referenced above yielded no evidence indicating that funding was provided directly by the Welsh Government between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2024.

External Scope

Consultation with the following Welsh Government delivery partners:

- Community Energy Wales
- Ynni Teg (development arm of CEW)
- Welsh Government Energy services (WGES) - Delivery contractor
- Local Partnership delivering Ynni Cymru - SLES Capital Grant scheme

The aforementioned external search yielded no evidence to support that any funding was provided by agents, contractors, delivery bodies, or programmes administered for or on behalf of the Welsh Government between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2024.

Please note that although officials did in this case liaise with external partners, a Freedom of Information (FOI) request can only cover information possessed by the public authority the request is submitted to, at the time the request is submitted. There is no obligation to obtain information from third parties to fulfil such a request.

I conclude that the Welsh Government's original response appropriately considered both direct and indirect sources of information, including funding delivered through third-party programs and delivery partners. The searches undertaken were sufficiently broad to capture any information held by or on behalf of the Welsh Government in relation to the Gwyrdd Bangla project.

As, no funding awards exist within your requested parameters, I am content that the requirements outlined in your complaint have been fully met through the comprehensive internal and external searches conducted.

I have considered your complaint in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information which is available by post on request or via the internet at: <https://www.gov.wales/requesting-information-welsh-government-html>

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you 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.

Yours sincerely

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