

Request: Any recorded correspondence between Welsh Government and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council relating to Funding Approvals, Project Scope, Cost Changes or Revisions

Please note that personal information has been redacted in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The following identifiers have been used to ensure the correspondence can be followed:

RCT Official	Officer working for Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.
WG Official	Welsh Government Official working within the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme Team

From: WG Official 1 (ECWL – Education Infrastructure, Gov & Finance)
On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning
Sent: 29 May 2025 14:58
To: RCT Official 1; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 2
Cc: WG Official 1
Subject: FOR RESPONSE BY FRIDAY 6 JUNE please: Addendum 1 – RCT – YG Cwm Rhondda – SOC

Prynhawn da / Good afternoon,

The SOC for your YG Cwm Rhondda project was recently discussed at our scrutiny group and a number of questions were raised.

These are detailed in the Addendum attached, which is due for return by next Friday (6 June) COP please.

Happy to chat through if needed.

Diolch / Many thanks

WG Official 1

From: WG Official 1
Sent: Mon 09/06/2025 15:46
To: RCT Official 3, RCT Official 1, RCT Official 2, WG Official 1, Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning,
Cc: RCT Official 4
Subject: 2025-06-09: FOR RESPONSE ASAP please: Additional Questions - Addendum 2 - RCT - YG Cwm Rhondda - SOC

Afternoon RCT Official 3,

Apologies I've received a couple of late queries for your SOC. Please can you review the questions below and respond as soon as you are able.

Many thanks in advance.

WG Official 1

NZC/Condition and Suitability:

Please provide confirmation that the project will be working towards the embodied carbon target of 600kgCO2/m2 as well as the net zero in operation target.

Response:

Support for Learners Division, Additional Learning Needs Branch

Has there been consideration of a WM LSC provision as part of this new build?

Response:

Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme Finance

Future business cases will need to include additional detail on site specific abnormals including potential works and cost. Are there currently contingencies build into the estimates for potential remediation and what level of optimism bias has been included in the costings used in this SOC?

Response:

WG Official (SCFL) 1

From: RCT Official 3

Sent: 06 June 2025 12:03

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning; RCT Official 1; RCT Official 2

Cc: WG Official 1; RCT Official 4

Subject: RE: FOR RESPONSE BY FRIDAY 6 JUNE please: Addendum 1 – RCT – YG Cwm Rhondda – SOC

Hi WG Official 1,

Many thanks for the below email.

Please find attached the addendum response for the SOC for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda.

Thanks again,

RCT Official 3

From: WG Official 1 (ECWL – Education Infrastructure, Gov & Finance)
Sent: 30 July 2025 11:13
To: RCT Official 6
Cc: RCT Official 1; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 2; WG Official 2; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning; RCT Official 5
Subject: **RCT – Approval to Proceed – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda SOC**

Good morning / Bore da,

Please find attached confirmation of the approval to proceed to OBC for the Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

WG Official 1

From: RCT Official 1
Sent: 30 July 2025 11:32
To: WG Official 1; RCT Official 6
Cc: RCT Official 5; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 2; WG Official 2; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning
Subject: **1.3 RCT – Approval to Proceed – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda SOC**

Thank you, **WG Official 1**, great news.

RCT Official 1

From: RCT Official 6
Sent: 13 August 2025 17:03
To: WG Official 1
Cc: RCT Official 1; RCT Official 5; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 2; WG Official 2; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning
Subject: **1.3 RCT – Approval to Proceed – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda SOC**

Apologies for the lack of response, **WG Official 1**, but I have only just returned from two weeks of annual leave.

That's excellent news.

Diolch / thanks

RCT Official 6

From: WG Official 1 (ECWL – Education Infrastructure, Gov & Finance)
On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning
Sent: 19 December 2025 15:48
To: RCT Official 6

Cc: RCT Official 1; RCT Official 5; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 2; WG Official 2; **WG Official 3; WG Official 4**
Subject: RCT – Approval To Proceed – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda – OBC Approval

Prynhawn da / Good afternoon RCT Official 6,

Please find attached confirmation of the approval to proceed to FBC for the Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,
WG Official 1

From: RCT Official 2

Sent: 30 October 2025 17:04

To: **WG Official 4;** RCT Official 3; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 1; **WG Official 3**

Subject: RE: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Good afternoon WG Official 5,

Thank you for your e-mail.

The Funding Forecast is being completed and will be with you ASAP.

The Project Information Proforma will be submitted with the FBC, as per the guidance and as clarified with **WG Official 2**.

If anything else is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

RCT Official 2

Email 2 (below)

From: WG Official 4

Sent: 30 October 2025 11:34

To: RCT Official 3; SustainableCommunitiesForLearning@gov.wales

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1; **WG Official 3**

Subject: RE: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Rhybudd: E-bost allanol yw hwn – sy wedi dod o sefydliad/unigolyn y tu allan i'r Cyngor...

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Good morning RCT Official 3,

Confirming receipt of the OBC and Appendices A–L for Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda.

In addition to the documentation submitted, we would be grateful if the following templates could also be completed and returned to

sustainablecommunitiesforlearning@gov.wales ASAP:

1. Funding Forecast (copy attached)
2. Project Information Proforma (copy attached)

NOTE: The OBC will be reviewed at the BCSG meeting on 6 November and may be presented to the Investment Panel for consideration on 4 December.

Cofion / Regards

WG Official 5

From: RCT Official 3

Sent: 23 October 2025 17:47

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1

Subject: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the Outline Business Case, plus appendices, for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of the attached. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

RCT Official 3

From: RCT Official 3

Sent: 24 October 2025 12:59

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1

Subject: FW: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Hi all,

Apologies, but since yesterday's submission I have noticed a minor typo, which has now been corrected. I would be grateful if you could consider the attached OBC, plus appendices, for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda, and please disregard yesterday's submission.

I would appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of the submission.

Many thanks,

RCT Official 3

From: WG Official 5

Sent: 30 October 2025 11:34

To: RCT Official 3; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1; WG Official 3

Subject: RE: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Good morning RCT Official 3,

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Cofion / Regards

WG Official 5

From: WG Official 5

Sent: 03 November 2025 15:30

To: RCT Official 2; RCT Official 3; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 1; WG Official 3

Subject: z – LA acknowledgement of additional information request – SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Good afternoon RCT Official 2,

Many thanks for the response.

I will keep an eye out for submission of the Funding Forecast. It is noted that the Project Information Proforma will be submitted at the FBC stage, as previously agreed.

Cofion / Regards

WG Official 5

Email 2 (below)

From: RCT Official 2

Sent: 30 October 2025 17:04

To: WG Official 5; RCT Official 3; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 1; WG Official 2; RCT Official 1; WG Official 3

Subject: RE: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – OBC

Good afternoon WG Official 5,

Thank you for your e-mail.

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The Project Information Proforma will be submitted with the FBC, in line with the guidance and as clarified with **WG Official 2**.

If anything further is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

RCT Official 2

From: WG Official 6

On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Sent: 12 November 2025 08:34

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning; **RCT Official 3**

Cc: **WG Official 2; WG Official 1; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1**

Subject: RE: YG Cwm Rhondda Addendum

Bore da RCT Official 3,

Apologies—the addendum sent yesterday was missing the economic question and a question regarding the number of learners on roll. Please see the attached revised version.

Many thanks,

WG Official 6

Email 2 (below)

From: WG Official 6

On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Sent: 11 November 2025 18:41

To: RCT Official 3

Cc: WG Official 2; WG Official 1; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1

Subject: YG Cwm Rhondda Addendum

Please find attached the addendum questions following the Business Case Scrutiny Group meeting last week. We would be grateful for a response before COP Tuesday 18 November. If you have any questions, please contact **WG Official 1**.

Kind regards,

WG Official 6

Sustainable Communities for Learning

From: WG Official 6

On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Sent: 12 November 2025 08:34

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning; **RCT Official 3**

Cc: WG Official 2; WG Official 1; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1

Subject: 02 Addendum 2 issued to LA: YG Cwm Rhondda Addendum 2 (additional questions)

Bore da RCT Official 3,

Apologies—the addendum sent yesterday was missing the economic question and a question regarding the number of learners on roll. Please see the attached revised version.

Many thanks,

WG Official 6

From: RCT Official 3

Sent: 12 November 2025 12:39

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: **WG Official 2; WG Official 1; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1**

Subject: 02 Addendum LA acknowledgement: YG Cwm Rhondda Addendum

Thanks **WG Official 6**.

We will address the queries and provide a response by COB Tuesday, 18 November.

Many thanks,

RCT Official 3

From: RCT Official 2

Sent: 26 November 2025 17:11

To: WG Official 1; RCT Official 1

Cc: RCT Official 3

Subject: 03 2025-11-26: Additional information – Medr and Sports queries

Hi WG Official 1,

The floodlighting for Cwm Rhondda is for the 3G pitch.

If there are any other queries, please let us know.

Thanks,

RCT Official 2

Email 2 (below)

From: WG Official 1

Sent: 26 November 2025 16:57

To: RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1

Subject: Additional information

Rhybudd: E-bost allanol yw hwn – sy wedi dod o sefydliad/unigolyn y tu allan i'r Cyngor...

Caution: This is an external email and did not originate from within the Council...

Hi both,

Thanks for meeting with us this morning — it was good to talk things through. **RCT Official 2**, thank you for sending through the additional information.

As promised, below are the comments from **Medr**. If you could ensure that the information provided in the addendums is included in the next business cases, that would be appreciated.

Ysgol Cwm Rhondda – Assurance that the Local Authority explores a formalised partnership approach to Welsh-medium sixth-form delivery within Rhondda Cynon Taf, in line with the ambitions and aspirations set out in the WESP, including Coleg Cymoedd. This would ensure a broader offer, enhance viability, and align with Medr's strategic aims and long-term ambitions for tertiary education across Wales.

[REDACTED]

Just one additional question from my sports colleague:
The abnormal costs include floodlighting. Which elements of the sports facilities will benefit from floodlighting?

Many thanks,
WG Official 1

From: RCT Official 3
Sent: 18 November 2025 16:15
To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning
Cc: **WG Official 2; WG Official 1; RCT Official 2; RCT Official 1; RCT Official 4**
Subject: **RE: YG Cwm Rhondda Addendum**

Good afternoon all,
Please find attached the addendum response for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda.
If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.
Diolch,
RCT Official 3

From: RCT Official 2
Sent: 26 November 2025 13:54
To: **WG Official 1; WG Official 7**
Cc: **RCT Official 1; RCT Official 3**
Subject: **2025-11-26: Cwm Rhondda – OBC – further addendum post meeting**

Hi WG Official 1 / WG Official 7,
Thank you for your time this morning.
Please find attached the additional information requested regarding the Ysgol Cwm Rhondda OBC.
The queries and associated responses are contained in *Attachment 1*, along with some site images.
Also attached are:
i. The proposed external layout plan (*Attachment 2*)
ii. A site survey showing the site levels (*Attachment 3*)
Should there be any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.
I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.
Many thanks,
RCT Official 2

From: WG Official 5
On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning
Sent: 08 January 2026 17:45
To: **RCT Official 2; Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning**

Cc: WG Official 2; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 1
Subject: RE: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda – Full Business Case

Hi RCT Official 2,

Thank you for submitting the Full Business Case for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda. Everything appears to be in order at this stage. I will be in touch if any additional documentation is required.

Note: The FBC is scheduled to be presented at this month's BCSG meeting and may then be considered at the February Investment Panel meeting.

Cofion / Regards

WG Official 5

Email 2 (below)

From: RCT Official 2

Sent: 08 January 2026 11:57

To: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Cc: WG Official 2; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 1

Subject: SCfL Rolling Programme – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda – Full Business Case

Good morning all,

Please find attached the Full Business Case for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda, together with the associated appendices and the completed executive summary pro forma.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or require further information.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.

Many thanks,

RCT Official 2

From: WG Official 1

On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Sent: 28 January 2026 16:48

To: RCT Official 2

Cc: RCT Official 3; RCT Official 1

Subject: FOR RESPONSE BY WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY: RCT – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda – FBC – Addendum

Prynhawn da / Good afternoon RCT Official 2,

Please find attached the business case addendum relating to your Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda FBC.

Please respond to each of the questions raised no later than Wednesday 4 February.

Diolch yn fawr / Many thanks,

WG Official 1

From: WG Official 1

On Behalf Of: Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy / Sustainable Communities for Learning

Sent: 19 December 2025 15:48

To: RCT Official 6

Cc: RCT Official 1; RCT Official 5; RCT Official 3; RCT Official 2; WG Official 2; WG Official 3; WG Official 4

Subject: RCT – Approval to Proceed – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda – OBC Approval

Prynhawn da / Good afternoon RCT Official 6,

Please find attached confirmation of the approval to proceed to FBC for the Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

WG Official 1

From: WG Official 3 (ECWL – Education Infrastructure, Gov & Finance)

Sent: 18 March 2026 17:42

To: RCT Official 7; RCT Official 8; RCT Official 1

Subject: Dyfarnu Cyllid / Award of Funding – Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council – C-RCT-0001 – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda

Prynhawn da,

Dyfarnu Cyllid mewn perthynas â'r **Rhaglen Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf**

Cyfeirnod C-RCT-0001 – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda

Mae llythyr dyfarnu grant ynghlwm wrth y neges hon sydd wedi'i lofnodi gan **WG Official 8**, Cyfarwyddwr Rhaglen Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy, o dan awdurdod Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg, un o Weinidogion Cymru.

Mae angen i dudalen olaf y llythyr dyfarnu grant gael ei llofnodi. Dylid ei llofnodi a'i dyddio gan gynrychiolwyr o Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf. Ar ôl i'r dudalen honno gael ei llofnodi, dylech greu fersiwn PDF. Cadwch un copi ar gyfer eich cofnodion eich hun, ac anfonwch gopi ataf i'r cyfeiriad canlynol:

CymunedauDysguCynaliadwy@llyw.cymru

Sylwch, hyd nes bod y llythyr dyfarnu grant wedi'i lofnodi gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf, nid oes gennym unrhyw gytundeb rhwymol mewn perthynas â'r prosiect, ac ni fydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru unrhyw atebolrwydd mewn perthynas ag unrhyw weithgareddau y byddwch yn dewis ymrwymo iddynt.

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau, mae croeso ichi gysylltu â'r tîm.

Award of Funding in relation to the **Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme**

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Reference C-RCT-0001 – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda

Please find attached a grant award letter, signed by **WG Official 8**, Programme Director for Sustainable Communities for Learning, under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Education, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Please sign the last page of the grant award letter, which should be signed and dated by representatives of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. Once signed, please create a PDF version, retain one copy for your records, and return a copy to:

SustainableCommunitiesForLearning@gov.wales

Please note that until the grant award letter is signed by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, there is no binding agreement in respect of the project, and the Welsh Government will have no liability in relation to any activities undertaken.

If you have any questions, please contact the team.

Diolch,

WG Official 3