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Dear ,

### Freedom of Information Request ATISN 11426 – Education Projects

Further to the email to you by Mr Martin Bell, Freedom of Information Officer, Welsh Government on the 28 July 2017, I attach the outcome of the assessment conducted in response to reference ATISN 11426 which you sent to us on the 26 July 2017. In your original request you asked for '*lessons identified or learned during the course of programme / project delivery*' for 15 specified projects. The response which follows addresses those findings linked to the following educational projects:

- Carmarthenshire - Dinefwr - Tywi Valley: Phase 2 and Gwendraeth School;
- Vale of Glamorgan: Penarth Learning Community;
- St Teilo's CiW High School: New Build and Welsh Medium refurbishment;
- Cardiff and Vale Cardiff City Campus;
- Flintshire: Post-16 Education Centre in Connah's Quay & Community Learning Campus at Holywell

A full assessment of all available internal Welsh Government files, reports and data bases relating to these projects has been undertaken in line with the specific request criteria. Our assessment concludes the following:

- a) We do not hold lessons learnt information for the following projects, which have only recently received capital funding:
  - a. Carmarthenshire - Dinefwr - Tywi Valley: Phase 2 and Gwendraeth School;
  - b. Vale of Glamorgan: Penarth Learning Community; and
  - c. Flintshire: Post-16 Education Centre in Connah's Quay & Community Learning Campus at Holywell.
- b) For St Teilo's CiW High School the overarching lessons learnt that we have on file include:
  - a. School  
Consider courtyard, landscape and microclimate strategy development.  
Continued development of Travel Plan.

Consider pupil engagement: with Year 7 for 'first impressions' and feedback.

- b. PDD  
Explore PassivHaus use in schemes and feedback (DCFW recommendation).
- c. Sustainability  
Monitor sustainability strategy e.g. air handlers, overheating, energy costs /meters  
Feedback findings of university project looking into bio mass effectiveness.
- d. Catering  
Monitoring effectiveness of continued SLA with School and report any related issues.
- e. Cleaning  
Feedback results of pilot cleaning strategy.
- f. SOP  
Investigate if a fire extinguisher is required outside the Control Room.  
Investigate how hall lighting issues can be managed by the School.  
Investigate Dance space specification used and Sport England Guidance.  
Include post completion strategy e.g. after care support and advice.

- c. For Cardiff and Vale Cardiff City Campus, the key lesson learnt we have on file is:
  - a. Allow more time to develop the design at least to Stage E of the RIBA plan of work. The requirement to expend the £3m grant within a ten month period through competitive dialogue was too short a period to reach Stage E. This created a certain level of cost uncertainty and led to alternative solutions being developed through the design and construction period to maintain control over costs.

It is important to note that capital educational projects delivered through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School and Education Programme, and its precursor capital programmes, have been developed and delivered in partnership with the relevant Local Authorities and Further Education Institutions. These bodies may hold programme or project information which is unavailable to the Welsh Government.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

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Yours sincerely