



18 October 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 12658

I wrote to you on 2 October regarding your request for information. You asked:

1. How much the Welsh Government spent on Community Transport in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years?

I confirm we hold some information caught by your request.

The Welsh Government Transport Department does not directly financially support community transport operators.

Each year, the Welsh Government provides funding to support the provision of transport services in the form of a Bus Services Support Grant. This grant is provided annually to local authorities to support the provision of local bus and community transport services. In this grant we continue the previous practice of ring-fencing support for good quality community transport services (which is specified in the guidance at 5%). We do not impose (and have never done so) any upper limit on the amount of funding local authorities may spend supporting community transport provision. This essentially means local authorities could spend the whole of their grant allocations on commissioning community transport services. Each local authority is responsible for determining which bus and community transport services it supports as well as allocating funding from within their own budgets for such services. The Welsh Government does not hold information on the amounts spent by the respective local authorities on community transport out of this allocated grant funding. In both financial years, 2016/17 and 2017/18, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport allocated funding of £25m to this Bus Services Support Grant.



The Welsh Government spent £190,000 in 2016-17 and £175,000 in 2017-18 on funding to Community Transport Association UK as support for offices and staff in Wales to assist and grow the sector in Wales.

Funding has also been provided under the 2014-2020 Rural Development Plan. Under the Co-operation and Supply Chain Development Scheme, funding of £214,861 was spent in 2016/17. Under the Rural Community Development Fund, total funding of £105,296 was spent in 2017/18. No other actual funding has been spent within the timeframe requested.

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