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Dear

**Request for Information – ATISN 13581**

I wrote to you on 19 November regarding your request for information. You asked for:

1. Details of all capital and revenue grants awarded to Powys County Council by the Welsh Government to support bus services, in the financial years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.
2. Details of how the above grants were distributed to service providers in the same years.
3. If grants were used to purchase buses, details of the number of buses purchased and the names of the recipient bus companies.

I confirm we hold some information caught by your request. The funding we have awarded in relation to your first question is outlined at Annex A.

In relation to your second question, Powys County Council distributes its BSSG funding to bus operators on the basis of pence per live kilometre operated. For concessionary fares and My Travel Pass, the funding is distributed on a per passenger journey basis. For TrawsCymru funding, it is distributed on the basis of tendered contracts. Finally, for all other bus revenue support, it is distributed on a basis of tendered contracts to operators/suppliers, after first submitting a business case.

In relation to your third question, I can confirm that a capital funding grant was made available to Powys County Council in 2018/19 to purchase 20 buses for use on TrawsCymru and other strategic services. We do not hold any information on the names of those bus companies.



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Yours sincerely

**Capital and Revenue Payments to Powys County Council**

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-to date <sup>#</sup>
<b>Revenue Grant Support:</b>			
• Bus Services Support Grant (BSSG)	£1,019,598	£1,053,270	£857,670
• Concessionary Fares reimbursement <sup>##</sup>	£1,061,079	£1,047,127	£547,286
• TrawsCymru - T4 and T6 services	£604,725	£511,315	£324,662
• Support for 6 months for emergency contracted bus service to Colbren in order to facilitate alternative arrangements	N/a	£25,000	N/a
• My Travel Pass	£2,015	£251,660 <sup>###</sup>	£469,834
<b>Capital Grant Support:</b>			
• Capital funding for 12 buses for Traws Cymru services in Powys.	N/a	£2,100,000	N/a
• TrawsCymru Bus Stop Corridor Improvements	£450,000	£1.550m	N/a

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## This funding is for reimbursement of revenue forgone by local bus service providers in carrying concessionary bus pass holders and as such should not be regarded as support. But has been included for completeness.

### From Q4 Powys undertakes the reimbursement of all Welsh operators who participate in the scheme. Prior to this, they reimbursed only those operators based in Powys who participated in the scheme