

30 May 2024

Dear ,

## ATISN 19575 - Wales Metaverse

## Information requested:

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 May 2024, in which you asked for detail on the Wales Metaverse development costings and the total number of hours attributable to that work.

## Our response:

The Wales Metaverse was commissioned by Visit Wales for digital tourism marketing activity and development was delivered by a third-party contractor specialising in the field.

We cannot disclose, due to commercial confidentiality, a detailed breakdown of costs and hours attributable to the developer however, we can confirm that in total i.e. technical development, licence fees and hosting for the next six months, the project has been delivered for less than £16,000.

The Metaverse entry point is "housed" on the Visit Wales website, the anchor for all campaign marketing activity. Viewing figures for the first two weeks were approximately 4,800 and positive media attention garnered has included coverage in Europe and the US across over 30 titles covering national news and travel and specialist tech. Part of this project activity was the additional highlighting of Wales for creativity and innovation.

If you would like to discuss how Visit Wales uses data and insights to inform competitive digital marketing, we would be happy to have a follow up conversation if that is something that would be of interest.

## **Next steps:**

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Yours sincerely

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