

10 June 2024

Dear

### **FoI/REQ/EET/SA1 events (19652)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request to the Welsh Government on the 6th June 2024.

#### **Your request**

You asked for information regarding Income from events held in the SA1 Development, Swansea.

You asked the following questions:

1. Is there a fee paid by these organisations for the use of the Welsh Government Land in SA1.
2. If there isn't a fee can you explain why not.
3. If there is a fee, how much is received annually from all event organisations.
4. If there is a fee what proportion is allocated to the SA1 Annual Service Charge.
5. Why does it not appear in our Annual Service Charge Bill as an offset cost that can be set against the total bill which is close to £500k this year.
6. Residents of SA1 have to pay an annual Service Charge which includes provision for cleaning the area, etc. Please explain why the burden of this should fall on the residents who obtain no benefit from the events being held there as opposed to the organisations who turn up on the day and when it is over disappear until the following year.

#### **Our response**

1. Is there a fee paid by these organisations for the use of the Welsh Government Land in SA1. – **There is no fee collected by Welsh Government by these event organisations.**
2. If there isn't a fee can you explain why not. – **The use of SA1 land for events like the Swansea Triathlon are in support of the wider economic, tourism, community enhancement and wellbeing policies for Wales. Therefore, no fee is applied.**
3. If there is a fee, how much is received annually from all event organisations. . – **There is no fee collected by the Welsh Government.**

4. If there is a fee what proportion is allocated to the SA1 Annual Service Charge - **There is no fee collected by the Welsh Government.**
5. Why does it not appear in our Annual Service Charge Bill as an offset cost that can be set against the total bill which is close to £500k this year. – **There is no fee collected by the Welsh Government.**
6. Residents of SA1 have to pay an annual Service Charge which includes provision for cleaning the area, etc. Please explain why the burden of this should fall on the residents who obtain no benefit from the events being held there as opposed to the organisations who turn up on the day and when it is over disappear until the following year. – **Under each event licence, all cleaning, waste removal, maintenance and alternative traffic / parking provisions and any associated costs are the responsibility of the licence holder. There is no consequential cost for these events added to the Service Charge.**

### **Next steps**

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](mailto: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