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Ein cyf/our ref ATISN 8357

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Dear Mr Martinson

Request for Information – ATISN 8357 – Follow on request

I wrote to you on 13 May 2014 with our response to the above Freedom of Information request in relation to the Local Transport Fund. Following our response, on 7 June you submitted a follow on request asking for, all the comments by the City-Region Boards on the schemes in their area.

I confirm that we hold information relating to your further request which is detailed below.

Swansea Bay City Region Board

- The Board welcomed the opportunity to be consulted on priorities for transport grant funding and approved an initial list of bids;
- Whilst, due to timing and knowledge, the Board considered it was not appropriate to make detailed decisions on the applications for funding from the Local Transport Fund in this round, it has noted the proposed projects;
- Furthermore, the Board welcomed the opportunity to play a key role going forward in helping ensure alignment of projects with strategic plans for the region.

South East Wales City Region Board

- The Board noted the Minister's changes to the way that transport is planned and funded and particularly welcomed the opportunity to refocus decision-making on strategic transport issues;
- The Board welcomed early sight of the proposed projects that have bid for support from the Local Transport Fund. For reasons of timing and knowledge, the Board considered that it was not appropriate to consider these Schemes in detail and offer their views;
- The Board are encouraged by the opportunity to undertake a more structured role in this exercise in the future, through influencing future projects prior to



- submission and in playing a part in the assessment of projects once they have been submitted;
- The Board will consider and scope out ways in which it might exercise a more meaningful role in future.

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Tracey Burke, Director Strategy
Department for Economy, Science and Transport
QED Centre, Treforest Industrial Estate, Treforest, CF37 5YR
tracey.burke@wales.gsi.gov.uk

When dealing with any concerns, I will follow the principles set out in the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on Complaints which is available on the Internet at www.wales.gov.uk or by post.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales,
Ffordd yr Hen Gae, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5LJ

Yours sincerely

David Hern
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