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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATI000848

Eich cyf/Your ref:

Dear Mr Harrold,

16 July 2012

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information (ATI0000848) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

'At the meeting on Thursday 14th of June 2012 in Pwllheli, CCW stated that MCS UK were selected (outward request) as a conduit for raising public awareness. When the question was raised regarding the tendering process the answer was back-tracked and it was suggested that MCS UK applied (inward request) for a grant funding. Can you publish details of who made first contact and provide to clarify whether this was a tender or a request. A copy of the tendering submission or grant application as applicable should also be made available.'

In response to the above;

The Grant for 'Raising public awareness of HPM CZs in Wales 2009-10' was awarded to MCS through CCW's standard grants process whereby potential partners approach CCW with ideas for potential grant aid. Grant Aid is match funded and CCW's intervention rate is normally 50%. In principle, the area of work that MCS put forward as a project was open to all.

The purpose of the grant was to raise awareness of the marine biodiversity of Welsh waters, and the need for and benefits of designating highly protected sites to help conserve biodiversity and support ecosystem recovery and resilience. A further purpose was to encourage public interaction with the site selection process.

Unfortunately a copy of the Grant application form is being withheld as it falls under the exception in Regulation 12.5(e) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 which relates to Commercial Interest.

Please note that this information is covered by copyright law (see attached Control of Usage Information).

We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals and complaints procedure, a copy of which is attached



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Yours sincerely



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2. Appeals and Complaints procedure

Appeals

If you are not happy with our refusal to release information and wish to appeal, you should write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW) who will consider your appeal (unless he was involved in the original decision to refuse information, in which case another director will consider the appeal). Explain your appeal and mention any letters you have already sent us.

If you are still not satisfied you have a right of appeal to:
[Information Commissioner's Office](#) , Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625545700 or e-mail: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Complaints Procedure

If you wish to make a complaint about the way your request was handled by CCW, use our formal [Complaints Procedure](#) Write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). He will investigate your complaint thoroughly and reply within two weeks of receiving your letter.

If you are still not happy, write to Roger Thomas, Chief Executive (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). Explain your complaint and mention any letters you have already sent us.

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