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Community Council Inspections

I am writing in response to the request for information you made on 27 November 2018, requesting For information about Community Council Audits.

For your convenience , I have included your questions below before outlining our response.

Under the Freedom of information Act How much annual form 2017/18 Welsh Community / town Councils Daru BDO Audit ON behalf of the AGW?

BDO currently examines the financial statements of 2017-18 for 348 Community/Town Councils in Wales.

Under the freedom of information Act How many community / town councils in Wales send a copy of a list Electors to BDO in response to Appendix 4.

Community and town councils were asked to provide evidence of the number of electors in their council area, and an extract from the electoral Register provides suitable evidence of numbers. Where suitable evidence is received, BDO records this on a database and records show that 276 town or community councils provided suitable evidence. 72 Councils have not provided the information and of these 54 audits have been completed.

However, information on the type of evidence provided is not recorded on the Database and that it would be necessary to check the individual records of all Town councils or Community to find This information. as there are 276 audits on councils Town or community, it would take considerably more than 18 hours to collect the information you need. We are not required to spend more than 18 hours (as specified by the Freedom of information and Data protection regulations (appropriate limit and Fees) 2004) in collecting such information and therefore section 12 (2) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 applies.

If you are interested in a particular Community Council (or Councils), please let us know as we can deal with this within the relevant timeframe.

If you wish to complain about the manner in which your application was handled, please write to Martin Peters, manager of Law and ethics, by e-mail to martin.peters@audit.wales or by post to 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9lj.

I must also refer you to section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act and under this section you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your application has been treated in accordance with the Act. Contact details for the Information Commissioner are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
e-bost : casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk
Tel: 01625 545745
Fax: 01625 524510

You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such a request. Further guidance is available on the Information Commissioner's website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer