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## Correspondence with Ammanford Town Council for fiscal year 18/19

I am writing in response to your email dated 15 December 2020 in which you requested information regarding correspondence with Ammanford Town Council (18/19).

I have considered your request, "I'm looking for audited accounts of Ammanford Town Council along with any correspondence between the Audit Office/Auditor General or subcontractors acting for them..." for 2018-19.

We hold a copy of email communications from Grant Thornton to Ammanford Town Council regarding the Annual Return for 2018/19, and this is attached. We are in the process of completing the 2017-18 & 2018-19 audits as a result of issues raised with us. Please note that I have redacted names from the communications under the exemption at s40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosures under the Act are into the wider public domain and I consider that release of this information would not be within the reasonable expectation of the individuals concerned.

The report Financial Management and Governance – Town and Community Councils 2017-18 <https://www.audit.wales/system/files/publications/financial-management-town-and-community-2017-18-english.pdf> provides a list of councils which have prior year audits remaining open and will be concluded once the prior year issues are resolved, Ammanford Town Council is in this list.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, please write to Martin Peters, Head of Law and Ethics, by email to [martin.peters@audit.wales](mailto: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 under which you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether or not your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
email : [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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 an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

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

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer