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## **Re: New tender opportunity for new magazine in Wales**

Dear Helgard

Thank you for your **response** on 29 April 2024 to our **letter**. The Committee considered your response at our meeting on 15 May 2024. We would welcome further clarity on the following points:

1. When it comes to the appeals process for unsuccessful applicants (that is, following the tendering process in 2023), you noted that the appeals were heard by the Chair of the Magazine Panel and the Head of the Publishing Development Department. Could you confirm what role, if any, either of those persons had in the initial decision-making for awarding grants?
2. When, and why, did the Books Council decide to retain a portion of money from the 2023 tender process? Why wasn't this funding (approx. £85,000 in 2024) distributed in 2023?
3. What evaluation process has the Books Council undertaken of its tendering processes over the past three years.
4. What effect have levels of Welsh Government funding in recent years had on the range and volume of services that the Books Council can fund?

I would welcome a response to our questions by 12 June 2024.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely





**Delyth Jewell MS**  
**Committee Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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