

Lesley Griffiths MS
Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice
Welsh Government

Via email

24 June 2024

Inquiry into the National Contemporary Art Gallery for Wales

Dear Lesley,

I write to request an update on the progress and any actions taken since the Welsh Government's **initial response** to our inquiry **report** on the National Contemporary Art Gallery for Wales.

During our scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2024-25, the former Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport, and Tourism told us:

"We have reduced the budget that was going to be available for next year, but there is still money allocated to progress the national contemporary art gallery."

In light of this, I would appreciate your response to the following questions:

1. **Timeline and Milestones:** Information on any key milestones achieved and the projected timeline for ongoing and future actions.
2. **Challenges and Adjustments:** Any challenges encountered in the implementation process and adjustments made to address these challenges.
3. **Project Timeline:** Are the capital investment works relating to the dispersed network of galleries still on track to be completed at the end of March 2025?
4. **Business Case and Decision-Making:** We anticipate that the full business case for the National Contemporary Art Gallery has now been submitted to the Welsh Government by the delivery partners, and key decisions around the selection of the anchor site and the

operating model post-2025 have been made. Can you confirm the status of these submissions and decisions?

5. **Revenue Funding:** Please provide an estimate of the ongoing revenue funding required to operate the dispersed network of galleries.
6. **Gallery Space:** Now that the galleries participating in the dispersed network have been determined, please advise how much new public exhibition space is being created by this element of the proposal?
7. **Anchor Site Proposals:** Have the proposals for the anchor site been finalised and can you share the site that has been selected with the Committee? Please also provide provisional cost estimates related to establishing and operating the anchor site.
8. **Brand Development:** Please provide an update on the development of branding for the National Contemporary Art Gallery for Wales. Please also share with us what this branding presence will look like and what it is intended to convey.
9. **Environmental Sustainability:** Has a stand-alone strategy, or statement of principles regarding the environmental sustainability of the Gallery been developed that can be shared with the Committee?

Understanding the current status and any developments will be highly beneficial to our ongoing work. We value the Welsh Government's commitment to providing the Committee with updates at key milestones during the project's delivery.

I look forward to receiving your response by 22 July 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.