

James Price
Chief Executive Officer
Transport for Wales

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Dear James,

I am writing to establish the criteria used to make decisions around redactions Transport for Wales make when publishing documents.

Clearly some information will need to be redacted for commercial confidentiality reasons. However the reasoning behind other redaction decisions is less clear. For example in TfW's board minutes from July the information around PRM and fleet refurbishment is redacted.

Please could you provide the rational you use to redact information when you publish documents? To aid our understanding, I'd be grateful if you could also explain how this rational applies to each individual redaction in the published minutes for the Transport for Wales Board July 2019 as, in this document, I was surprised to see almost the entire section on PRM and fleet refurbishment status redacted.

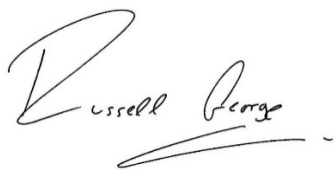
TfW also hosts a number of documents on its website relating to the management of Transport for Wales Rail Services. These also contain some redactions with an unclear rational. For example I was surprised to see in the Core Valleys Line Concept Design document, which forms part of the Invitation to Submit Final Tenders, that several sections which appear to relate to the timing of upgrades to the CVL are redacted e.g. appendices E and F.

I would be grateful if you could provide the reason for each redaction made to the rail franchise Invitation to Submit Final Tenders, and also the Grant Agreement itself.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Russell George AM

Chair

Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

