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## Community Council Accounts

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 13 January 2020 in which you requested information regarding Community Councils Accounts.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your questions below and set out our corresponding responses.

**1. Please provide me with all of the information generated when enforcing Section 52 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the Act) in the 4 Councils that had not submitted accounts for 2 years. [Bodorgan Community Council, Cynwyd Community Council, LLangristiolus Community Council and Maenclochog Community Council].**

We do not hold information matching this description, as we have not taken enforcement action.

**2. Did any of the 4 Clerks/RFOs have Section 22 documents raised?**

We issued consideration documents to Bodorgan Community Council, Cynwyd Community Council, LLangristiolus Community Council and Maenclochog Community Council for the purpose of confirming factual accuracy as part of our clearance process. The Auditor General subsequently issued public interest reports under section 22 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the reports are available on our website:

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/bodorgan-community-council-report-public-interest-inadequacies-governance-and-financial>

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/cynwyd-community-council-failures-financial-management-and-governance>

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/llangristiolus-and-cerrigceinwen-community-council-report-public-interest-inadequacies>

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/maenclochog-community-council-failures-financial-management-and-governance>

**3. Also, of the 21 Councils that had not presented accounts in 2016-17, how many of them slipped into being 2 years in arrears?**

Of the councils listed in Appendix 1 of our report Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils 2016-17 as Councils with overdue accounts as at 30 November 2017 (shown as 'not received') all councils have now submitted accounts for 2016-17. 6 councils have yet to submit accounts for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

**4. How much additional revenue did these non-compliant Councils add to the coffers of WAO?**

We do not hold information matching this description, as invoices have not yet been prepared.

**5. When were the non-compliant Councils informed of the additional charges incurred?**

We do not hold information matching this description. Information about charges is provided at the conclusion of the audit, and invoices have not been issued to these Councils.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely  
Information Officer