

**Cefn Fforest Communities First**

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Thank you for your email of 06 September 2013.

The Auditor General for Wales (Wales Audit Office) has not carried out an investigation into Cefn Fforest Communities First Partnership.

It may be helpful if I explain that the Cefn Fforest Communities First Partnership (and the Cwmaman Communities First Partnership) are not public bodies that are audited by the Auditor General for Wales, nor are they companies or registered charities, and consequently they do not have accounts audited as one of our audited bodies, or as a company or registered charity normally would. The Auditor General does make arrangements for certifying grant claims. For both of these Communities First Partnerships their local authority is their grant recipient. For Cefn Fforest this is Caerphilly County Borough Council, and for Cwmaman this is Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. Under the conditions of the Communities First grant, the local authorities have to complete an 'annual statement of expenditure' (a 'CF8 form') for each of their Partnerships. Those statements come under the Auditor General's routine arrangements for certifying grant claims. Such work could not be described as an "investigation."

We do not hold recorded information as to who has audited the accounts of Treorchy Male Voice Choir.

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

Yours sincerely

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