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Subject: RE: Review – Public Grant to Jayne's Baby Bank (£1,000)

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Thank you for your correspondence regarding the grant awarded to Jaynes Baby Bank and for bringing this matter to our attention.

The Council was satisfied that the applicant operated as a local community organisation providing support to families in need. The Council verified the applicant's bank details and received a written application outlining the nature of the service provided. On this basis, the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee considered the application in line with the Council's Grants Criteria and recommended approval. This decision was subsequently agreed by Full Council and a grant of £1000 was awarded in November 2024.

Kind Regards

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Dear Pontypool CC,

I am writing in your capacity as Monitoring Officer regarding the public grant awarded to *Jayne's Baby Bank* by Pontypool Community Council.

My independent investigation, published at **jaynesbabybank.co.uk**, holds publicly available council documents confirming this award. These are:

- Finance, Governance & Policy Agenda – February 2025
- Council Agenda – 27 November 2024
- Finance, Governance & Policy Quick Notes – 6 November 2024

- Finance, Governance & Policy Minutes – November 2024

These records confirm that *Jayne's Baby Bank* received **£1,000 in funding** on **6 November 2024**, under the "Food Banks" category.

However, in your own correspondence dated **6 October 2025 (FOI 25/418)**, you stated:

> "The requested information is personal data as it relates to an individual as the entity known as Jaynes Baby Bank is not a registered company."

This creates a clear inconsistency: an unregistered, non-charitable entity appears to have received public money under the presentation of being a foodbank or charitable organisation.

Accordingly, I request that you review the following under your statutory duties as Monitoring Officer:

1. **Due diligence:** What verification of charitable or organisational status was undertaken before approving the £1,000 payment?
2. **Governance:** Did Pontypool Community Council comply with its Financial Regulations and Grant Criteria when approving funding to a non-registered entity?
3. **Remedial action:** Will the Council consider recovery of the £1,000 grant and review any subsequent payments?

Given the public concern and ongoing investigation, I request a formal written response.

Yours faithfully,

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