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## **New tender opportunity for new magazine in Wales**

Dear Helgard

I am writing to you following the publication of a tender for a new magazine by the Books Council of Wales. Further to our previous correspondence with you, we would be grateful if you could please outline:

1. What consultation was undertaken by the Books Council of Wales with the sector whilst designing the English-language literary magazine tender;
2. What independent appeals process is in place for unsuccessful applicants;

In your letter to us in December 2023, you also noted that the Books Council's five-year strategy asks you to "examine and challenge the power of incumbency". We would be grateful if you could elaborate what this means in practice, and outline to what extent this places those recipients with existing funding at a disadvantage.

Finally, we would be very grateful to receive an outline from you of the Books Council of Wales's vision for the English-language magazine sector, including a copy of the internal review into English-language magazines held in 2022.

We would be grateful if you could provide a response by 8 May 2024 to allow us to consider it at our next formal meeting.

Yours sincerely,



**Delyth Jewell MS**  
**Committee Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

