

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Leicester City Council
Transport Strategy Meet
(Wed 25th July 2012)

ANSWER

You asked for information concerning the above meeting. This meeting was actually held on Wednesday 25th April 2012, not July as stated in the request.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I wish you to supply the following information.

- a) Why was it necessary to hold the meeting at Leicester Tigers RUFC ground instead of at a City Council location (ie Aylestone Leisure Centre) thus saving the City Council money.**

The Leicester Tiger's Ground was selected as the venue for the Conference instead of a city council venue for the following reasons:

- Relatively central location for most attendees, and easily accessible for those travelling by bus, train, car , push bike, or walking
- Accessible venue for non-ambulant people
- Size of event (over 400 invited), number of workshop rooms required close to the main event room
- Facilities (refreshment suppliers, projector and screen, lecturn, microphone, space for displays, and rooms (9 in all) for groups discussions)

- b) What was the cost to the City to hire the accommodation at the 'Tigers' ground.**

The cost of the venue was £1,130.00 plus VAT
The cost of tea, coffee & biscuits was £648.00 plus VAT
The cost of sandwiches was £117.00 plus VAT
The cost of equipment usage was £315.00 plus VAT
Total cost was £2210.50 plus VAT

- c) As regard item (b)**

- i) How long was the time booked for?**
The venue was booked from 12:00 – 16:00
- ii) How long did the meeting last?**

The Agenda was from 13:15 -16:00, though the whole meeting including the meeting of the Bus User panel overran until 18:30

iii) Were refreshments provided?

Tea and coffee was provided for the main meeting. Sandwiches were only provided for those staying for the Bus user Panel after the main meeting. Those who came for the Bus user Panel only were only provided with tea and coffee.

iv) Invites to meeting?

a) How many of above?

430 people were invited (there was also an open invitation on the council's website, advertised in the Leicester Mercury).

b) Representatives of which firms/organisations

Representatives of the following organisations attended:

Rutland County Council
Leicester City Council
Centrebus
Go Travel Solutions
University of Leicester
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living
Leicester Energy Agency
Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce
Highways Agency
Highcross Leicester
Leicester Disabled People's Access Group
Vista
Campaign for Better Transport
Leicester Local Access Forum
Whetstone Parish Council
Association of Leicester Hackney Carriage Drivers
Leicester Green Party
Travel Watch East Midlands
NHS
Leicestershire County Council
Campaign for Better Transport
Biffa
Glenfield Parish Council
Nottingham City Council
Tin Drum Books
Leicester City Learning Disability Partnership Board
Grand Prix Scooters
Stagecoach Midlands
Leicester Black Cab Association
Thurnby Lodge and District Community Association

KPMG
Croft Parish Council
Leicester Big Mail Forum
First
Friends of the Earth
De Montfort University
Leicester Blind
Leicestershire Public and Private Hire Association
Campaign for Better Transport
National Express
Sustrans
British Cycling
Leicester City Bus User Panel/Older People's Forum
LANRAC
Arriva Midlands
Leicester City Bus User Panel
WYG
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Arriva Midlands
Blaby District Council
Aswar Housing Association / Older People's Forum
Paul James Coaches
Network Rail
Ansaar
Leicester Black Cab Association
Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre
Leicester Disabled People's Access Group/Douglas
Bader Centre's Client Group
Representative for St Marks
Road Haulage Association

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Leicester City Council

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