

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:

- 1) Has the Leicester City Council clarified that the preferred developer has a viable proposal? if no, please state the date when it is anticipated this information will be known.**
- 2) Have the detailed terms of the proposed disposal of the property been reported to the City Mayor for formal approval? if no, please state the date when it is anticipated this information will be known.**
- 3) Has the City Mayor formally approved the disposal of the property? If no, please state the date when it is anticipated the City Mayor will approve or disapprove the disposal.**

ANSWER

The City Mayor expects to be able to announce a decision on the future of Braunstone Hall at the beginning of May. The information you have requested is therefore exempt as it is intended for future publication in line with S22 of the Act. This letter acts as S17 refusal notice in respect of this part of your request. However, we will notify you when this information is available.

- 4) Has the preferred developer entered into a contract for the lease of the property? If no, please state the reasons why?**

No. A contract can only be entered into once a formal decision to proceed on agreed terms is made.

- 5) Owing to the high profile of the property, will the plans be on public display to residents at a ward meeting? If yes, on what date will they be presented?**

It is likely that any plans, once approved, will be on display at a Ward Community meeting when they are publically available. The actual date of such meeting is yet to be determined, therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 6) Unless exempt from public release, and if held, please provide a copy of recent and non-recent plans including any architects sketches that have been submitted to the Leicester City Council by the preferred developer, previous interested parties and any previous leaseholders of the property.**

There are no approved plans available for public release at this stage. When they are approved, they will then go to the Ward Community Meeting.

Therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

7) Has the preferred developer submitted a planning application?

No.

8) Has the preferred developer submitted an application for Listed Building consent?

No.

9) How much financial support is or will be available from the Leicester City Council?

The figure has not yet been determined therefore we are unable to supply it. This part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

10) Is the Leicester City Council limited on the amount of funding that can be provide to the developer? If yes, please state the maximum amount that can be contributed?

The Council have limited budgets and any funding made available will be balanced with other demands.

11) Will the Leicester City Council be undertaking any restoration works themselves to the property? If yes, what works will be undertaken and when?

Such details have not yet been decided. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

It is anticipated that this information will be available when the formal announcement on the proposals is made early May 2013.

12) Please provide a breakdown copy of all repair/maintenance works that have been undertaken to the property since 08/06/2012

Please see attached.

13) Please provide a list of all surveys that have been carried out since remarketing the property in December 2010

Asbestos, dry rot, and roof surveys have been carried out.

14) Please provide a list of all surveys that are currently pending to be carried out at the property, including the dates that they are anticipated to be carried out on.

None by the Council other than regular inspections.

15) On what date(s) has Lead been stolen from the roof of the property? and what materials have been used to replace it?

Lead has been replaced in July 07 and March 08 following thefts.

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