

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:

Further to an earlier FOI in which you noted the cost of the city of culture bid, I'd be keen to receive a full breakdown on how this money was spent?

In particular I'm keen to understand:-

- travel costs - claimed by whom and when?**
- venue hire costs - which venues?**
- salary costs - claimed by whom and when?**

Is there any estimation of in-kind contributions and any assessment of the amount these contributed towards the overall cost?

ANSWER

Travel costs

Travel costs were £3,076.16 for members of the bid team for travel between May and November 2013 plus £140.00 travel costs associated with UK City of Culture visitors to Leicester.

Venue hire costs

Venue hire costs were £130.80 (the majority of venue hire was provided in kind).

Salary claims

Staffing costs of £1180.90 to Leicester City Council for additional staffing at 21 community engagement sessions held in August, September and October 2013.

Bid writer fees and expenses between March 2013 and November 2013 of £91,580.00 (with breakdown as follows: bid writer fees to Inside Track totalled £84,378.00, bid writer expenses to Inside Track £4,615.00. Advisor fees and expenses to Culture, Creativity, Place Ltd totalled £2,587.00).

In-kind support

We estimate that the in-kind contribution of the time committed by the City of Culture Advisory Board/ Executive and subgroups amounts to circa £145,000.00. This figure does not include the in-kind support

provided by the hundreds of partner organisations and individuals across Leicester and Leicestershire, who so generously committed their time and resources to assist Leicester's City of Culture 2017 bid

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