

## 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:

Q1. How much the council has spent on attending the MIPIM real estate trade show. Please include a breakdown of expenses by travel, entertainment and accommodation and whatever else the expenses/budget classes associated spending under in categories.

	£
Travel	7,338
Accommodation	5,869
Exhibition Stand	11,915
Exhibition Registration	17,483
Exhibition Promotion & Events	<u>13,977</u>
Total Cost of joint presence	56,582
Funding from Leicestershire County Council	<u>(25,000)</u>
Net Cost to Leicester City Council	<u>31,582</u>

### Notes:

1. Costs are net of VAT and include estimates where final costs are not yet available.
2. Sir Peter Soulsby (City Mayor) paid all of his travel, accommodation and food costs. These costs are NOT included above.

**Q2. Please specify how many council staff attended and if possible their names and/or seniority.**

Leicester City Council staff	4	see note 2
Leicestershire County Council Staff	2	see note 3
City Mayor, Leicester City Council	1	(self funding, see note 2 above)
Leader, Leicestershire County Council	1	
Leader, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	1	
Non-Council personnel	<u>3</u>	see note 4
Total	<u>12</u>	

### Notes:

All attendees funded by the Leicester City and Leicestershire County Councils are shown above, on the same basis as the summary of costs (noting however that the City Mayor paid for all of his travel, food and accommodation costs).

Leicester City Council staff comprised the Strategic Director City Development and Neighbourhoods; the Head of Inward Investment; the Partnership Communications and Support Manager; and the Economic Growth and Investment Manager. Note that the latter two staff work within the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, for which Leicester City Council is the accountable body and employer.

Leicestershire County Council staff comprised the Acting Assistant Chief Executive and the Policy and Partnerships Manager (Economic Development).

Non-Council personnel comprised the Publisher/Managing Director of the Leicester Mercury; the Business Editor of the Leicester Mercury; and the Chairman of the Leicester and Leicestershire Sports Partnership.

**Q3. In case of accommodation, please specify which hotels. In case of entertainment, please include the restaurants/establishments at which the expenses were for.**

Accommodation was arranged at the Best Western Cannes Riviera, Novotel Cannes, Sun Riviera, Mas Du Grand Vallon and Pierre & Vacances Villa Francia. There is no identified expenditure for 'entertainment'. However, the exhibition contractor arranged a business breakfast for guests at a cost of £2,900; and teas, coffees, cold drinks and pastries for 3 days at the Exhibition Stand amounting to £1,200. These costs are included in 'Exhibition Promotion & Events' at Q1.

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