

## **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:**

**Who was responsible for the initiations of the property being made available to the wider community and at what time period was did this first take place?**

**ANSWER:**

LCC requested and it was agreed with Scouts Association (SA) to market to community organisations on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Marketing details were produced 12/10/11 and were sent to registered community groups seeking property and placed on the Property web site shortly after.

**Why was the wider community not made aware of the property being placed on the open market?**

Land holding department (Housing) Directorate & Cabinet Lead and Community Services consulted on process. It is not a Property policy to consult "the community" or Councillors on commercial lettings.

**Who still owns the property?**

The site is let by the City Council to the Scout Association on a ground lease, the building is the Scout Association`s.

**It was stated in the brief document that the local authority and the scots association would make the find choice of new tenant. When was this decision made and can you furnish me with recorded minutes of this taking place?**

Please see Cabinet brief attached and confirmation of instructions quoted below

"After consultation with Cllr Dawood at briefing this morning on the report prepared by (Housing Officer), I confirm my decision that , as you recommend, the lease can be surrendered by the Scouts Association and that a new ground lease should be agreed with As- Salaam on the terms you advise.

Ann Branson

Director of Housing" Sent by email to Property Manager 10/02/12

**Can you please provide copies of those interested parties, who indicated an interest in the property?**

As Salaam Trust  
Regeneration Christian Centre  
Un named sporting activities group

**What criteria was in place to decide the successful new end user of the premises (detailed copy please)?**

The criteria were provided with the letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> January sent to all parties who had registered an interest (please see attached letter).

**We understand that the local ward councillors were unaware of this process and had no details relating to the property in advance of it being available to the wider community. Why were councillors not informed?**

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**What other departments and/or staff has had an input into finding a suitable tenant for the property?**

Only the above departments (answer above) along with Property had an input.

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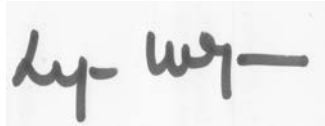
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Information Governance Manager**