

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) How many interested parties have submitted receipts of schemes and financial proposals to the Leicester City Council?

Response

The Council currently has two interested parties wishing to acquire the Hall. One of which has stated they require more time to develop their proposal.

2) What is the estimated restoration cost of the proposed plans/schemes that have been submitted to the Leicester City Council?

See response at question.4

3) What are the proposed schemes/plans for Braunstone Hall?

See response at question 4

4) How many interested parties have evidenced that they require financial support from the Leicester City Council?

2) 3) and 4) Since one party requires more time to develop their proposal we are still waiting for such information.

5) If financial support is given to a selected developer, will the money be spent on renovating the interior or the exterior of the property?

This information is not decided at this time. 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 this section of the Act, this information is not held.

6) How many interested parties have a proven track record of successful completion of other schemes of a similar nature?

The Council is still waiting for one party to develop their proposals further, however track record will be considered as part of the selection process.

7) on what date is it anticipated that a developer will be selected?

The Council is currently considering its position regarding the interest shown in the Hall and will seek to make a decision in the New Year.

8) Will the selected bidder be required to provide a safe pedestrian/cycle route to the property?

The provision of such a facility is not currently required as part of the selection process.

9) Owing to the high profile of the property, will a public consultation be carried out? If yes, what date is it anticipated the consultation will take place on?

The selection decision will rest with the Council's City Mayor and Cabinet. Public consultation is not needed for the selection of a bidder but a decision has not yet been taken as to what consultation will take place, although, the City Mayor is aware of the public interest in the Hall.

10) Has any of the offers made for the "Enabling Land" off Oswin Road/Hinckley Road been accepted by the leicester city council?

No.

11) What are the proposed plans for the "Enabling Land" at Oswin Road/Hinckley Road?

The City Mayor has decided that the land should not be sold to provide funding for the Hall. Thus, for the foreseeable future, it will remain undeveloped.

12) If Council funding is provided to a selected developer, will the council therefore provide benefit to the local community with some facilities made available for public use?

The selection process for a preferred scheme will consider the scheme's proposed contribution to the social and economic regeneration of the area.

13) Will the Leicester City Council be undertaking any restoration works prior to the disposal of the property? if yes, what works will be undertaken?

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14) what other (if any) funding sources has the Leicester City Council explored?

The City Mayor has confirmed that should financial support be required from the Council to enable the restoration of the Hall this will be sought from sources other than the previously proposed receipt for the land at Oswin Road.

15) Please provide the hiring cost for the Scaffolding that has been erected to the rear Kitchen Wing at Braunstone Hall.

The scaffold has been bought at a cost of £1,045 + VAT.

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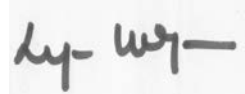
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Yours sincerely

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

Lynn Wyeth

Head of Information Governance