

Request

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

- Information on the cost since July 2016 of storing the three water cannon purchased by the previous mayor.
- Information on the cost of maintaining the three vehicles since July 2016.
- Information on the costing of insuring the three vehicles since July 2016.
- A copy of any text to advertise the vehicles for sale.
- Minutes of any meetings since July 2016 at which the future of the three vehicles was discussed.
- Any correspondence since July 2016 on the future of the vehicles.
- Any correspondence with Reclamations Ollerton on the three vehicles and their disposal.
- Any images of the three water cannon

I would like the above information to be provided to me as an electronic document such as a pdf.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

Answer

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 7 January to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I apologise for the delay in replying to you and I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see responses set out below.

1. Information on the cost since July 2016 of storing the three water cannon purchased by the previous mayor.

MOPAC does hold some information relating to this. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, since it is information which is already published, here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/proceeds-to-help-tackle-youth-knife-crime>
<https://www.london.gov.uk/questions/2015/0894>

2.Information on the cost of maintaining the three vehicles since July 2016.

MOPAC does hold some information relating to this. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, since it is information which is already published, here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/proceeds-to-help-tackle-youth-knife-crime>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/questions/2015/0894>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/water-cannon-sold-to-help-fund-youth-projects>

3. Information on the costing of insuring the three vehicles since July 2016.

MOPAC does not hold any information relating to this request.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) may be able to assist you and you can send your request to them, here:

<https://www.met.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/>

4. A copy of any text to advertise the vehicles for sale.

MOPAC does not hold any information relating to this request.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) may be able to assist you and you can send your request to them, here:

<https://www.met.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/>

You may find this decision of interest:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/mopac-decisions-335>

5.Minutes of any meetings since July 2016 at which the future of the three vehicles was discussed.

MOPAC does hold some information relating to this. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, since it is information which is already published.

The Mayor routinely meets with the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service to discuss policing in London and you can find the minutes of these meetings here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/mayor-commissioner-meeting>

6. Any correspondence since July 2016 on the future of the vehicles.

This is attached with redactions. Redactions have been made for the following FOIA exemptions:

Section 40(2) Data Protection. This is an absolute exemption, therefore no Public Interest Test is required.

Section 31 Law Enforcement. This is a prejudice exemption and is subject to the public interest test.

Disclosure of the information could compromise security arrangements at the storage site and as such could hinder the prevention or detection of crime

While it is in the public interest to be transparent and accountable, in this case the public interest is better served if the information is withheld, in the interests of public safety and the prevention of crime.

7. Any correspondence with Reclamations Ollerton on the three vehicles and their disposal.

MOPAC does not hold any information relating to this request.

8. Any images of the three water cannon

Two images are attached and in addition you can see part of a water cannon, here:
<https://twitter.com/MOPACLdn/status/621390569533796352>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>

(Images will be in 'related documents')