

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA191020-7652

12 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information dated 18 October 2002 to the Greater London Authority. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I'm requesting the Mayoral Approval Form for the GLA London Black Heritage Conference held on the 23rd October 2002 at Congress House, London.

In addition, please supply copies of all publicity materials for this event (electronic copies will do)

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request.

We located a copy of the Mayoral Approval Form but our searches did not locate any publicity materials.

Some of the staff names within the Mayoral Approval Form are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA191020-7652.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

Request for Mayoral Approval MA00249**Details of request****London Celebrates Black Heritage: Black History Month 2002**

It is proposed that:

1. The following events and initiatives are approved for Black History Month 2002:
 - Launch Reception – Tuesday 01 October 2002
 - BHM Conference: "Living Histories- Marking the Past, Building the Future" – Wednesday 23 October 2002
 - London Celebrates Black Heritage Bus & Walking Tours (throughout October)
 - London Celebrates Black Heritage Exhibition (throughout October)
2. The budget of £96,300 for the events and initiatives set out in paragraph 1 above is agreed.

Supporting Detail

1. October's Black History Month (BHM) has now become a very important and popular event in the UK calendar. With most local authorities supporting BHM events in their respective boroughs, the future of this annual celebration is set to grow and become more established.
2. The promotion of BHM in London is a key feature of the Mayor's commitment to support those initiatives, which celebrate London's cultural and creative diversity. In addition, the Mayor has made a commitment to "establish Black History Month as an annual programme of activities across all London boroughs"¹.
3. Building on the GLA's involvement in BHM for the past two years, it is proposed that this year, the Authority's activities will be guided by the following strategic objectives:
 - a. To promote the development and sustainability of Black community histories, heritage, culture and tourism in London;
 - b. To recognise and promote the historical contributions made by Black communities to the fabric and culture of London;
 - c. To encourage the development of school and community partnerships in exploring the histories of London's Black communities;
 - d. To develop Black history and heritage as an educational tool for promoting citizenship and addressing, understanding and overcoming existing barriers to racial equality;
 - e. To acknowledge the important links between history, heritage, ownership and identity;
 - f. To acknowledge Black communities' perspectives and accounts of mutual histories in promoting a greater understanding of the full picture; and

¹ Business Plan 2001/02, p24, Greater London Authority (May 2001)

- g. To raise awareness of the importance of Black history and heritage as a vehicle for representing London's diverse heritage.
4. In keeping with the GLA's primary role of enabling through limited pump priming, the following strategic events and initiatives are being proposed for BHM 2002:

GLA Strategic Events/Activities

- Launch Reception (Tuesday 01 October 2002)
- BHM Exhibition (throughout October 2002)
- BHM Conference: Living Histories – Marking the Past, Building the Future (Wednesday 23 October)
- London Black History Bus & Walking Tour (throughout October 2002)

5. The budget for above events/activities has been set at **£96,300**

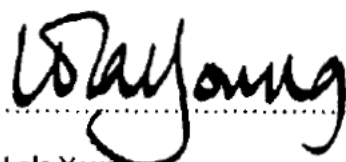
Supporting Documentation

- London Celebrates Black Heritage: Black History Month Strategy
- London Celebrates Black Heritage: Black History Month 2002 Budget
- TfL Contribution
- LDA Contribution

Additional information should be provided supported by background papers. These could include for example the business case, a project report or the results of procurement evaluation.

Author

Signed



Date

15/8/02

Print Name

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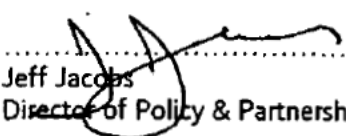
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Head of Culture

Countersigned by



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15-8-02

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Job Title

Director of Policy & Partnerships

Financial Implications

The financial implications should be discussed with the Interim Director of Finance prior to submission to the Mayor. If the request has implications on the core GLA budget either existing or future these should be clearly explained. Supporting papers may be required. This document should be sent to the Interim Director of Finance or a member of his team (in his absence) for comment regardless of whether the Author had identified financial implications or not.

As shown in the attached detailed budget, the GLA's contribution to the project is £40,000 and this will be funded from the Cultural initiatives budget (£15,000) and the Equalities programme budget (£25,000). Once the project is approved the budget will be adjusted to show the full cost and anticipated income from Functional Bodies and sponsors (some of which is still subject to confirmation).

A grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is pending and should this be successful further approval for some additional projects including a web site will be required and a revised budget will be produced.

This project will be monitored against project code GCE03/0041.

Signed

AP

Anne McMeel

Director of Finance

Date

16-8-02

Legal Implications

The legal implications should be discussed with the Interim Head of Law prior to submission to the Mayor. If the request has legal implications these should be clearly explained. Supporting papers may be required. This document should be sent to the Interim Head of Law or a member of her team (in her absence) for comment regardless of whether the Author had identified legal implications or not.

Comments

The organisation and implementation of the proposed activities and initiatives fall within the Mayor's statutory powers under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (the Act). Section 30 of the Act allows the Mayor (after appropriate consultation) to do anything which he considers will further any one or more of the principal purposes of the GLA. These are the promotion of economic development and wealth creation, the promotion of social development and the promotion of the improvement of the environment in Greater London. Section 34 enables the Authority, acting by the Mayor, to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive to the GLA's functions.

The proposals are in accordance with the equality provisions under the Act, such as section 33 which provides that the Authority shall make appropriate arrangements with a view to securing that in the exercise of the general power there is due regard to the principle that there should be equal opportunity for all people.

Black History Month provides a unique opportunity for all Londoners to learn about the historical contributions (cultural, economic and social) made by London's Black communities to the development and growth of London as a world city and is in keeping with the duty under section 404 to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.

Signed

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Howard Carter

Head of Legal

Date

21st August 2002

Cleared by Chief of Staff

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Mayor.

Signed

 Date

21/08/02

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Simon Fletcher

Chief of Staff

Comments

Approval from the Mayor

The above request has/~~does not~~ have my approval.
(delete as appropriate)

Signed

 Date

21/08/02

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Ken Livingstone

Mayor of London

Comments