

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA081220-1556

7 January 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 7 December 2020.

I am sorry that the GLA Public Liaison Unit's original response did not address the questions you had asked.

Under FOI, the GLA, as the authority receiving your request, is only required to undertake searches for information held by the GLA. We are neither required, nor under any legal obligation to conduct searches for information held by other authorities. However, in this case, we also consulted the London Legacy Development Corporation in order to be able to respond to all of your questions.

Our responses to your questions are as follows:

1. Please confirm which body is responsible to pay the cost involved in moving the seats in the London Stadium for the proposed Anniversary Games next July?

London Stadium is operated by LS185 and owned by E20 Stadium LLP, both wholly owned subsidiaries of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC). LS185 is responsible for the seat moves which enable a wide range of events to be held in London Stadium including Premier League football, concerts and international athletics. The cost of the seat moves are passed back to E20 by LS185.

2. Does the London Mayor have to, a) authorise or b) agree to the cost involved in moving and replacing the seating in the London Stadium?

The Mayor approves LLDC's budgets each year and this includes revenue grant for support the operation of London Stadium, including seat moves. This budget is approved through the annual budget process

3. Does the cost of moving the seats come out of : a) the Mayor's budget? or b) the London Stadium Legacy Company, budget?

The cost is incurred in LS185 and recharged to E20 Stadium LLP. E20 Stadium LLP is in turn funded by LLDC.

4. Is the cost involved in moving the seats and replacing them, the sole responsibility of the London Stadium Legacy company?

LS185 and LLDC are jointly responsible for the management of London Stadium and are the accountable bodies for any costs involved in seat moves and maintenance.

5. If the C-19 virus is still prevalent in July 2021, whose responsibility is it to cancel the meeting? Is it: a) The Mayor? b) The London Legacy Company? c) the government?

All venues on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including London Stadium, must comply with the legal requirements for the safe staging of events during the Covid pandemic. There is a contractual obligation to stage the event but it will depend on the guidance in place at the time as to whether the event can proceed, be held with no spectators or can be staged with spectators in the venue.

6. Is the cost of moving the seats in the London Stadium next July for the athletics paid for by the London Boroughs Council tax payers?

LLDC and LS185's income is derived from a mixture of income generated by events and sponsorship on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and grant from the Mayor of London. As a Mayoral Development Corporation, LLDC's income is ultimately derived from taxpayers.

If you wish to make a further request for information to the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), you may find their details here:

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/get-in-touch/freedom-of-information-requests>

If you have any further questions for the GLA relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA081220-1556.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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