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Our Ref: MGLA120619-4435

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 12 June 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- Flights taken by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan paid by the public purse in 2016, 2017, 2018 and so far in 2019;
- Which class these flights were taken, and
- Did the public purse pay for carbon offsetting

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request:

All expenditure for the Mayor's trips is in line with the Greater London Authority (GLA)'s Expenses and Benefits Framework.

The Mayor is committed to take actions to reduce the impacts of climate change. The impacts of international travel options are carefully considered to ensure the Mayor's team travel sustainably and cost effectively. Rail options are prioritised where rail options exist and compatible with time of travel. For example, the Mayor has opted to travel to Paris four times by Eurostar, rather than flying. Where flying is unavoidable, flights from City Hall are offset using Gold Standard Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) bought from Carbon Footprint Ltd. This approach is consistent with advice set out by Greenpeace, WWF and Friends of the Earth.

- During the Mayor's most recent trip to Berlin, Paris and Dublin in November and December 2018, the Mayor met with senior political and business stakeholders to highlight trade and investment opportunities in London, and further strengthened relationship with counterpart cities in the run up to Brexit.

The Mayor flew economy class on these trips. The costs for the flights were:

- London to Berlin - £32.30
- Berlin to Paris - £78.34
- London to Dublin - £68.94

- Dublin to London - £26.57
- In December 2017, the Mayor visited India and Pakistan. The focus of the Mayor's visit was to build new business and trade links in these two countries, and to make connections across their cultural and creative industries. The visit increased awareness in India and Pakistan's business communities that, despite Brexit, London remains open for business and a key destination for investment and tourism.

The Mayor flew economy class to all the destinations. Costs for the flights were:

- London to Mumbai, Mumbai to Delhi and Delhi to Amritsar - £125.88 (taxes only)
- Islamabad to Karachi - £106.60
- Karachi to London - £594.90
- The Mayor attended the World Economic Forum in Davos on 18-19 January 2017, where he spoke to senior political and business leaders to promote London as the pre-eminent business capital of the world.

The Mayor flew economy class to and from Zurich. Costs for the flights were £170.70 and £128.00 respectively.

- Between 14-19 September 2016, the Mayor visited Montreal, Chicago and New York, during which he shared platforms with heads of government and senior business and political leaders. He also met with community and faith representatives, attended cultural events and visited various business and redevelopment projects.

The Mayor flew premium economy class to Montreal and business class from New York to London. He took economy class flights from Montreal to Chicago and Chicago to New York. Costs for the flights were:

- London to Montreal and New York to London - £1697.15
- Montreal to Chicago and Chicago to New York - £214.00
- On 4 August 2016, the Mayor returned to London from Malta to address a serious incident that took place in Russell Square, liaising with the Metropolitan Police Service and other emergency services and reassuring people.

The Mayor's economy class ticket from Malta was £525.93.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA120619-4435.

Yours sincerely


International Relations

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