

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA221220-2470

21 January 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 21 December 2020 and clarified on 26 December 2020 as below. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I was delighted to see our Mayor, Sadiq Khan, cycling to work on a bicycle recently. Such a good example to all of us. The bicycle was a brand new Brompton.

*Was the bicycle the property of the mayor? If so who paid for it? If not to whom did it belong and who paid for it? Did the GLA pay for it?
Did the GLA pay anything for taking the photograph and disseminating it on social and print media?*

*Has the GLA purchased any bicycles for use by staff over the five year period Dec 2015 to Dec 2020? If so, how many and what is the total expenditure?
Has the GLA given any staff money for the purchase of bicycles over the same period and if so how much?*

Please treat the above as a FOI request.

You later clarified your request and identified [this photograph](#) from the GLA's online image library asking whether the GLA paid anything for disseminating it on print and social media. You also clarified:

Additionally, I was under the impression it was a normal pedal bicycle but was it in fact an e - bike? When I say bicycles this should be interpreted to include e-bikes.

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

Was the bicycle the property of the mayor? If so who paid for it? If not to whom did it belong and who paid for it? Did the GLA pay for it?

It is the Mayor's own bike - paid for by the Mayor through the cycle to work scheme available to all GLA staff.

Did the GLA pay anything for taking the photograph and disseminating it on social and print media?

The [photograph](#), taken by the GLA's photographer and available online, appears on a number of social media channels – The Mayor of London, Transport for London and Sadiq Khan's own. The GLA did not pay anything for disseminating the image on print and social.

Has the GLA purchased any bicycles for use by staff over the five year period Dec 2015 to Dec 2020? If so, how many and what is the total expenditure?

Has the GLA given any staff money for the purchase of bicycles over the same period and if so how much?

The GLA has not purchased any bicycles for use by staff over the five-year period December 2015 to December 2020 and the GLA has not given any members of staff money for the purchase of bicycles in this time.

The GLA does have two bicycle purchase schemes for staff, the [Cycle to Work Scheme](#) and the Bicycle Loan Scheme. Both of these schemes enable staff to purchase or pay for the use of their bicycles.

The Cycle to Work Scheme is a government-approved salary sacrifice initiative that allows staff to hire a bike (and accessories) from the GLA for the purpose of cycling to work. The bike hire is free of tax and National Insurance

In addition, the GLA operates a salary sacrifice scheme that allows staff to trade up to two days of their annual leave for financial value towards a limited number of options, which include the purchase of a bicycle.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA221220-2470.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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