

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Our Ref: MGLA011221-9050

20 January 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 1 December 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for;

Please provide the information listed below relating to the drinks party held, I believe, at [REDACTED] Cross Station on or around the end of October 2021 to celebrate the widening of ULEZ:

- 1. Cost of the event*
- 2. Origin of the costs*
- 3. Approval of the budget for the costs*
- 4. Numbers attending.*
- 5. Who decided to hold this drinks party?*
- 6. What was the purpose of the drinks party?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

A thank you reception for GLA and Transport for London (TfL) staff was held at the Museum of London on 24 November 2021.

1. The cost of the reception was not covered by public funds. The GLA and TfL won prize money last year from the WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities for the world leading ULEZ. The cost of the reception was covered by this funding. The final cost of the reception was £7,310.
2. Hosting an event for staff.

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3. Approved by the Head of Air Quality via the GLA's standard approvals process.
4. Approximately 180 people were invited, although not all of them attended. We did not record the exact number of attendees.

██████████ion was planned by the Air Quality Team at the GLA.

6. To thank GLA and Transport for London staff for their work over many years to deliver the expanded ULEZ, which will help clean up the capital's toxic air, bring the health benefits of cleaner air to millions more Londoners and tackle the climate emergency. Expanding the ULEZ on time and on budget was a huge feat, requiring the delivery of extensive physical and technological infrastructure and the expertise of hundreds of people over many years including managing the disruption and the need to develop safe working practices during the pandemic. As the award from the WRI Ross Centre recognised, the ULEZ is a world leading policy that will not only benefit Londoners but will be used as a case study by cities across the UK and around the world. The reception was a chance to thank these staff members for their tireless work in helping to clean up London's air.

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If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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