

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA220119-3819

8 February 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 22 January 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)

You requested:

In May 2018 the Greater London Authority Regeneration team led by James Parkinson commissioned Public Works, a consultancy, to undertake a report for Sayes Court Garden CIC, a company that was awarded funding by the GLA's Spacehive project in September 2017. The report asked some local residents about the project but has yet to be published.

- 1. I would like to see a copy of the report as it stands on 22 January 2019*
- 2. What was the brief for Public Works?*
- 3. How much has been spent on the report to date and are there any further costs anticipated?*
- 4. Where have the funds come from for the report?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Following our meeting last year and in response to your concerns, we appointed Public Works through the Mayor's [Special Assistance Team](#) panel to advise us (and ultimately Sayes Court) on this issue. The Special Assistance Team. The Specialist Assistance Team (SAT) is a pre-procured panel of experts that helps partners of the Mayor of London's Regeneration team in the scoping, design and delivery of high-quality projects by providing independent, expert advice. Our brief was to provide clarification and definition of Sayes Court CIC's vision for the garden, advise on an engagement strategy to ensure a high level of community involvement, and support for the establishment of a locally representative advisory group. These actions were aimed at better understanding local opinion and ensuring Sayes Court worked pro-actively to involve a diverse range of voices.

Public Works won a competitive tender exercise based on a call to the relevant SAT framework lot. They were awarded 4 days work at a half day rate of £175, which was £1,400 in total. This covered research, meetings, advice to both the GLA and Sayes Court and a short summary letter for distribution. The Special Assistance Team budget is part of our London Regeneration Fund support programme, which is financed by the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) using

money from our HM Government Growth Deal settlement. The Mayor chairs LEAP. We do not anticipate any further work or associated cost.

This short summary letter has been prepared to be shared with all of the local groups who provided their views. This will be circulated in w/c 11th February. The delay has been a consequence of ensuring we have the right contact details for every organisation and that everyone receives our letter simultaneously.

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

Yours sincerely


Programme Manager

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