

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY



**Our References: MGLA261115-0125
MGLA261115-0126
MGLA301115-0271
MGLA151215-1361**

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Dear ,

Freedom of Information Act requests – North London Ltd

Thank you for your recent requests for information which the GLA received between the 26th November and 15th December 2015 regarding North London Ltd (North London Business). Your requests have been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and we can today provide you with a response to all four of these requests. These requests asked for the release of the following information:

FoIA 1 - MGLA261115-0125

Re. the project 'Exporting Success' that was run by North London Ltd. (trading as North London Business) under the 2007-13 ERDF programme, please will you send me any material that the GLA holds on the process whereby North London Ltd. was awarded this contract, for example records of the tendering process (the company's bid, and the assessment of that bid), plus any due diligence checks that were completed?

FoIA 2- MGLA261115-0126

Re. the project 'Exporting Success' that was run by North London Ltd. (trading as North London Business) under the 2007-13 ERDF programme, please will you send me any material that the GLA holds on how it authenticated outputs - for example, records of monitoring activities, submissions of pro forma returns, etc.?

FoIA 3- MGLA301115-0271

Re the FIA response attached below, and the documents cited therein, please can you forward:

- (1) a copy of the draft claim 14;*
- (2) evidence of the 'issues' that the GLA had with draft claim 14;*
- (3) a copy of the August 2013 missive from a 'consultant engaged by NLL' stating that NLL was going into liquidation; and*
- (4) a copy of the 11 February 2014 missive from Leonard Curtis.*

FoIA 4- MGLA151215-1361

I have been advised that the private company North London Ltd. (which on occasion traded as North London Business) was 'set up' by the LDA. Please can confirm whether this is true?

I can confirm that the GLA holds the information you have requested and this information accompanies this letter.

Please find accompanying this letter the following attachments:

FoIA request 1

'Fol 1 - sample outputs.pdf'

FoIA request 2

'Fol 2 – Bid assessment scores 11 Feb 2009.pdf'

'Fol 2 – Due Diligence report.pdf'

'Fol 2 – Exporting Success FINAL ERDF APPLICATION.pdf'

'Fol 2 – Project Negotiation Checklist review.pdf'

'Fol 2 – questions re diligence.pdf'

FoIA request 3

'Fol 3 – August 2013 email_redacted.pdf'

'Fol 3 – MCIS screen shots claim 14.pdf'

'Fol 3 – NLB EBS claim 14 checks.pdf'

Please note that we made a few minor redactions to remove personal data from these documents. Furthermore, in the documents entitled *'Due Diligence report'* and *'questions re diligence'*, we have also removed information that was out-of-scope of your request, and provided you with the information that was relevant to your request.

In relation to your third request where you requested a copy of the “draft claim 14”, I would like to point out that the information we have released are screen-captures of the ‘expenditure’ and ‘outputs’ pages of the web-based system on which this information is held (MCIS) through which claims for payment are submitted.

I would quickly clarify that we are not yet in a position to provide a copy of the *'11 February 2014 missive from Leonard Curtis'*, but we will provide this to you as soon as we are able to.

Finally, in response to your fourth request where you ask if “it is true” whether North London Ltd was ‘set up’ by the LDA. We can confirm that this is not true.

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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<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gla/governing-organisation/freedom-information>.