

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Our reference: MGLA010721-7308

Date: 9 June 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 01 July 2021. Many apologies for the delayed response and any inconveniences caused, your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*I wanted details of the trip to the Gulf including Kuwait and Dubai which was in April 2013.*

*Please could I have the details of the delegation(s) – including all the business people who were part of the trip and attended official meetings - and itineraries for this trip?  
And subsequent reports on the trip, with details of any outcomes, resulting investments?*

*Apologies – my request on the December one was badly-drawn.  
What report was done on the resulting outcomes/benefits to London of this trip?*

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request.

The names of some members of staff are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information would identify third party / junior employees and as such constitutes personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of the UK GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

Again, our sincerest apologies for the delay in responding back, if you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA010721-7308.

Yours sincerely,

## Information Governance Officer

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## Response to FOI request MGLA010721-7308

Former Mayor Boris Johnson visited the UAE in April 2013. The planned element of the Kuwait trip was postponed to allow Mr Johnson to return to London to oversee the preparations for and attend the funeral of Baroness Thatcher at short notice. The itinerary for the UAE trip can be found in **Appendix 1**.

GLA staff members accompanied Mr Johnson on the UAE trip are as follows:

- Edward Lister (former Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Policy and Planning)
- Gerard Lyons (former Chief Economic Advisor)
- [REDACTED] (former Private Secretary to the Mayor)
- [REDACTED] International Relations, past staff member)
- [REDACTED] International Relations Officer, past staff member)
- [REDACTED] (Head of Media)
- [REDACTED] (GLA Press Officer, past staff member)

A business delegation organised by the Mayor's overseas promotional agency, London & Partners, travelled with Mr Johnson to the UAE. The delegation was also joined by a free-lance photographer [REDACTED]. Members of the business delegation included:

David Slater	Director of International Trade and Investment	London & Partners (past staff member)
Andy Davison	Head of Trade Strategy & Delivery	London & Partners (past staff member)
Philip Dilley	Chairman	Arup
Tony Pidgley	Chairman	Berkeley Group
Nick Powell	Executive Assistant	Berkeley Group
Ian Mulcahey	Managing Director	Gensler
Chris Johnson	Regional Managing Principal	Gensler
Anna Robinson	Associate Director	Gensler
Rob King	Director	The Edge Picture Company
Gerry Grimstone	Chairman	Standard Life
Glen Manchester	CEO	Thunderhead
Joanna Shields	CEO	Tech City Investment Organisation
Pru Ashby	Head of Partnerships	Tech City Investment Organisation
Dima Rifai	CEO	Paradigm Change Capital Partners
Lynton Crosby	Co-founder	CTF Partners
Rafic Said	Senior Managing Director	The Blackstone Group

In November 2013, Mr Johnson undertook the rescheduled Kuwait trip. The itinerary for the trip can be found in **Appendix 2**. Mr Johnson was accompanied to Kuwait by the following delegation.

- Edward Lister (former Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Policy and Planning)
- [REDACTED] (former Private Secretary to the Mayor)
- [REDACTED] International Relations Officer, past staff member)
- Davis Slater (Director of International Trade and Investment, London & Partners past staff member)

- Richard De Cani (Director of Transport Strategy and Planning, Transport for London past staff member)
- Sir Stuart Lipton (Chelsfield Partners LLP, Sir Stuart who was in Kuwait at the same time, joined meeting with HH Sheikh Nasser)

Expenses incurred by Mr Johnson, Edward Lister and Gerard Lyons in relation to these trips are published on our website at:

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/boris\\_johnson\\_expenses\\_2013.14.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/boris_johnson_expenses_2013.14.pdf)

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/sir-edward-lister-past-staff/expenses>

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gerard\\_lyons\\_expenses\\_for\\_the\\_year\\_2013-14.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gerard_lyons_expenses_for_the_year_2013-14.pdf)

Please see below further links that you may find useful under the Mayoral press releases:

[Mayor heads to the Gulf to promote investment into the capital | London City Hall](#)

[Mayor forges links between London and Dubai's thriving tech sector | London City Hall](#)

[Mayor welcomes World Islamic Economic Forum to London for the 1st time | London City Hall](#)

## Appendix 1 – Mayor Boris Johnson Visit to the UAE, April 2013

<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	
Flight – EK008 arr: 20:00	Arrive
	HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	
07:00 – 08:00	Meet Tim Clark President Emirates Airlines and tour of Emirates Airline facilities at Dubai Airport
09:30 – 10:30	Call on Sultan Al Jaber, CEO of Masdar and Tour of Masdar City/Institute Include Media/Photo Opportunity
10:45 – 11:30	Call on HE Sheikh Sultan Bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, Chairman, TDIC
12:00 – 12:45	Call on Sheikh Hamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Managing Director Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
13:00 – 15:00	Call on H.H Sheikh Nahyan Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development
15:30 – 16:30	Call on Mr Waleed Mokarrab Al Muhairi, COO, and Mubadala team
Timing tbc	Call on HH Lieutenant General, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces
18:30- 19:30	Media Call with Al Arabiya (TV)
19:30 – 21:00	Speak at evening reception – hosted by Masdar and BBG
	<b>Overnight in Abu Dhabi</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 April</b>	
08:30 – 09:30	Call on HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman DP World and Mr Simon Moore, CEO London Gateway
10:30 - 11:15	Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Group Chairman Emirates, Civil Aviation and Investment Corporate of Dubai
11:30 - 12:15	Media time (round table)
12:25 - 12:45	Cycling photo call
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch hosted by HE Mohammed Al Shaibani, Director General of Dubai Ruler's Court, CEO of Investment Corporation of Dubai
	END OF MAYOR'S PROGRAMME
16:30 - 17:45	Amina Alrustamani, Group CEO TECOM Investments, Mr Malek Al Malek, MD of Dubai Internet City (DIC), Outsource Zone and ICT Cluster and Mohammed Abdullah, MD Media Cluster. Witnessed signing of MoU between Tech City and Dubai Internet City.
<b>Thursday 18 April</b>	
22:25	Mayor of London arrives Doha International Airport, transfers to hotel.
<b>Friday 19 April</b>	
09:00 – 13:00	Media interviews
13:30 - 14:30	Visit to Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ferozkoh: Turquoise Mountain Exhibition (Qatar/UK Year of Culture)</li> </ul>

	<p>(Tour by Dr Leslee Michelsen, Head of Cultural and Research Section, Museum of Islamic Art)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Olympics: Past &amp; Present Exhibition (Tour by Dr Christian Wacker, Director/Chief Curator, Qatar Olympic &amp; Sports Museum, Qatar Museums Authority)</li> </ul>
15:10	Camel racing at Shahaniya hosted by Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani, Chairman of the Camel Racing Organising Committee
19:15 - 20:00	<p>Walking tour of Katara Cultural Village including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designed to Win Exhibition (Qatar/UK Year of Culture) - Building 13</li> <li>- Martin Parr Photography Exhibition (Qatar/UK Year of Culture) - Building 18</li> </ul> <p>(Tour by Exhibitions Coordinator [REDACTED], Katara Cultural Village)</p>
20:00 - 22:00	In-house dinner at Saffron restaurant, Katara Cultural Village with delegates and Embassy team
<b>Saturday 20 April</b>	
09:15 - 10:00	Speak at Institute of Infrastructure Studies: Think Tank Launch event
12:15	Meeting with Dr Abdul Rahman Azzam, Cultural and Communications Advisor to HH Sheikha Moza, Qatar Foundation (QF); Ms Maryah Al Dafa, Project Director, President's Office, QF; and Ms Houriya Ahmed, Special Projects Coordinator, President's Office, QF
13:00	Speak at business lunch with Qatar British Business Forum (QBBF) in the Great Central Room at the 'W' Hotel, West Bay
15:00 - 16:00	TV interview with Al Jazeera English Channel
16:00 - 16:30	Press conference with local and international media
19:00 - 21:00	Speak at Queen's Birthday Party at Ambassador's Residence
<b>Sunday 21 April</b>	
08:00	Breakfast meeting with Mr Ed Dolman, Acting Chief Executive of Qatar Museums Authority
09:00	HE Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al Kuwari, Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage
10:00	HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifi Al Thani (Amiri Diwan)
11:00	HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Qatar Museums Authority (at Museum of Islamic Art)
12:30	Qatar Tourism Authority
13:15-15:00	Visit to Qatari Diar Visitors Centre, Lusail and attend lunch in the Opal (by Ramsay) Restaurant at the St. Regis Hotel hosted by Mr Khaled Al Sayyed, Acting CEO of Qatari Diar
16:35	Depart for London Heathrow on Qatar Airways flight QR017
22:00	Arrive London Heathrow

## **Appendix 2 - Mayor Boris Johnson Visit to Kuwait, November 2013**

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

<b>Local time</b>	<b>Event / meeting</b>
2145	Flight BA157 departs LHR to Kuwait.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

<b>Kuwait time</b>	<b>Event / meeting</b>
0640	Mayor to Arrival at Kuwait International Airport
0800- 0830	Briefing from British Ambassador
0900	Meet with HH Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Ahmed Jaber Sabah.
1030	Meet with HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.
1200 -1245	Meet with HE Sheikh Salem AbdulAziz Al-Saud Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.
1245– 1315	Meet with HE Mr Abdul-Aziz Abdul-Latif Al-Ibrahim, Minister of Public Works
1345 - 1445	Lunch with senior team at the Kuwait Investment Authority.
1645	Mayor to close the meeting of the Kuwait British Business Council (co-chaired by Lord Marland and Mohammed Alshaya).
Approx 1730	Reception at Mohammed Alshaya's Diwanyia with the KBBC members.
2030	Banquet hosted by HH Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Ahmed Jaber Sabah

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

<b>Kuwait time</b>	<b>Event / meeting</b>
1150	Arrive at the Avenues. Met by Mohammed Alshaya and taken on short tour of the Avenues with photo opportunities outside British brands
1200 - 1300	SME Panel event focussing on SME development and encouraging entrepreneurs
1330-1430	Lunch hosted by Governor of Al-Ahmadi (designated by HH the Emir to accompany the Mayor during the visit).
1500	Meet with H.E. Mr Marzouk Ali Thunayan Al Ghanim – Speaker of the Parliament.
1600 - 1700	Business roundtable with Kuwait Merchant families / real estate investors.
1930	Private dinner hosted by Mohammed Alshaya

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

<b>Local time</b>	<b>Event / meeting</b>
0845 - 1545	BA flight 156 departs Kuwait to London