

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Our reference: MGLA180122-1881

Date: 15 February 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 18 January 2022. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I wanted to know about council employees taking flights, if any were taken last year! Could you provide information for the financial year 2020-21, and from the start of financial year 2021 to 31 December 2021, for the following:

- 1. The number and cost of first class flights taken by council employees?*
- 2. The number and cost of business class flights taken by council employees?*
- 3. The number and cost of all flights taken by council employees?*
- 4. Individual details of all the above flights including the price, the names of those who took the flights (if in line with GDPR etc), the destination and the purpose of the trip?*

Our response:

We have carried out searches of our travel booking system and can confirm that no flights were undertaken in financial year 2020/21.

Please find below and attached the information we hold within the scope of your request for the period April 2021 to December 2021.

1. None
2. None
3. Number – 7 return flights
Cost - £1.6k
4. Please see attached sheet.

None of the flights were undertaken by senior staff – this includes the Mayor, the Deputy Mayors and the Mayor's senior team. The names of non-senior members of staff are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered

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that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

Our searches will not capture any flights paid for by other parties but these would usually appear in the Gifts and Hospitality logs at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/good-governance/gifts-and-hospitality>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA180122-1881.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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# of Flights	Month	Single Return	Ticketed Airline	Originating City	Destination City	Travel Start Date	Travel End Date	Routing	Sector Airline	Sector Cabin Class	Sector Travel Date	Total Invoice Cost	Ref2
1	November	Single	BRITISH AIRWAYS	LONDON - LHR	LISBON	24/11/2021	24/11/2021	LONDON - LHR/LISBON	BRITISH AIRWAYS	Economy	24/11/2021	121.62	MEETING - EXTERNAL
	November	Single	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	LISBON	LONDON - LHR	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	LISBON/LONDON - LHR	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	Economy	26/11/2021	84.00	MEETING - EXTERNAL
2	November	Single	BRITISH AIRWAYS	LONDON - LHR	LISBON	24/11/2021	24/11/2021	LONDON - LHR/LISBON	BRITISH AIRWAYS	Economy	24/11/2021	121.62	MEETING - EXTERNAL
	November	Single	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	LISBON	LONDON - LHR	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	LISBON/LONDON - LHR	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	Economy	26/11/2021	98.20	MEETING - EXTERNAL
3	November	Return	SN BRUSSELS	BRUSSELS	GOTHENBURG	30/11/2021	03/12/2021	BRUSSELS/GOTHENBURG/MUNICH/BRUSSELS	SN BRUSSELS	Economy	30/11/2021	286.56	OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY
4	November	Single	BRITISH AIRWAYS	LONDON - LHR	LISBON	24/11/2021	24/11/2021	LONDON - LHR/LISBON	BRITISH AIRWAYS	Economy	24/11/2021	121.62	MEETING - EXTERNAL
	November	Single	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	LISBON	LONDON - LHR	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	LISBON/LONDON - LHR	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	Economy	26/11/2021	84.00	MEETING - EXTERNAL
5	November	Single	BRITISH AIRWAYS	LONDON - LHR	LISBON	24/11/2021	24/11/2021	LONDON - LHR/LISBON	BRITISH AIRWAYS	Economy	24/11/2021	121.62	MEETING - EXTERNAL
	November	Single	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	LISBON	LONDON - LHR	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	LISBON/LONDON - LHR	TAP - AIR PORTUGAL	Economy	26/11/2021	98.20	MEETING - EXTERNAL
6	November	Return	VUELING AIRLINES	LONDON - LGW	BARCELONA	15/11/2021	18/11/2021	LONDON - LGW/BARCELONA/LONDON -	VUELING AIRLINES	Economy	15/11/2021	7.86	SITE VISIT
7	August	Single	EASYJET	LONDON - LGW	GENEVA	30/08/2021	30/08/2021	LONDON - LGW/GENEVA	EASYJET	Economy	30/08/2021	70.85	INTERNAL MEETING
	August	Single	BRITISH AIRWAYS	GENEVA	LONDON - LHR	31/08/2021	31/08/2021	GENEVA/LONDON - LHR	BRITISH AIRWAYS	Economy	31/08/2021	383.76	INTERNAL MEETING

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