

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA120717-0199

27 July 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 11 July 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

- i) *Why is the Trust continuing and how does doing so meet the requirements of their charitable status?*

The GLA does not hold this information.

The Garden Bridge Trust is an independent charity. It was set up to fundraise for and deliver the Garden Bridge. The Garden Bridge Trust's activities, including determining its future, is a matter for its Trustees.

- ii) *What is the Trust doing to return money which is unlikely to be spent, including public money, to their funders? Are they still spending it? Is there a full and itemised breakdown?*

The GLA does not hold this information. The Garden Bridge Trust is the custodian of this information and any related enquiries should be directed to them.

The breakdown of public money spent by Transport for London (TfL) is available online: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/tfl-gb-expenditure-31-august-2016.pdf>.

The Garden Bridge Trust is responsible for the money spent on the project so far. It has published a breakdown of the public funding expenditure in June 2016, at: <https://www.gardenbridge.london/news/article/public-funding-expenditure-breakdown>. This money cannot be recovered because it has already been spent.

Dame Margaret Hodge's report is available to read at <https://www.london.gov.uk/independent-review-garden-bridge-project> and includes some

information about the money spent and the procurement process.

iii) *What is the Assembly (and TfL) doing to claw back any of the £37m given to the Trust now that strategic support has been revoked?*

The GLA does not hold this information.

The public funding provided to the Garden Bridge Trust was as set out in a funding agreement between Transport for London (TfL) and the Garden Bridge Trust. Details are available on TfL's website at: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/tfl-gbt-funding-agreements-and-variations.pdf>. This agreement was made in July 2015, following a decision by the previous Mayor in June 2014 for TfL to provide up to £30million funding to the Garden Bridge Trust.

The Mayor has been clear that no more of London taxpayers' money that he is responsible for will be committed to the Garden Bridge project. No grant payments have been made to the Trust since he was elected. The Mayor's Decision revoking approvals in respect of the Garden Bridge is available to view on the City Hall website at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/decisions/md2120-revoking-approvals-respect-garden-bridge-project>.

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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