

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA200418-0050

21 May 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 20 April 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

A copy of your 'business case' referred to in this letter for support funding:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/685638/Greater_London_Authority_S31_grant_determination_letter.pdf

I can today confirm that the GLA does hold the information you have requested and that we are releasing it in full. Please see the attached PDF document.

The information was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) in September 2017 on a pro forma provided by them.

By way of explanation, we were advised by DfE that we could seek reimbursement for some expenditure relating to our preparations in receiving statutory powers and funding for the Adult Education Budget (AEB) so long as we could evidence expenditure of at least the equivalent amount for the period between 1 October 2017 and 31 March 2018.

As you know, on 6 March 2018, we were awarded a maximum grant of £235,139 grant for 2017-18 to support costs associated with implementation of the devolution of the AEB. We are not aware of the rationale for this figure and it is significantly less than the costs incurred by the GLA within this period.

In addition to the information requested by DfE, we also provided details of expenditure incurred in the first half of 2017-18 (£185,381) acknowledging that, under DfE rules, this would not be recognised as expenditure that we could claim grant funding against. It does however demonstrate the Mayor's commitment to making the transfer of the AEB a success in London.

We are committed to being open and transparent and are planning to publish all relevant information relating to the Adult Education Budget in due course except where information is exempt under the FoI Act.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA200418-0050.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
Information Governance Officer

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