



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001946
Date 13 February 2018

Wolverhampton Civic Halls

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you please provide me with the following information:

I'd like all correspondence relating to the letter on the 6th February sent from Councillor John Reynolds to Ian Jenkins. This letter was in reply to his letter of the 20th January.

[In response to your request, please find our response below:](#)

From: [Keren Jones](#)

Sent: 23 January 2018 22:05:00

To: [Councillor John Reynolds](#); [Oliver Bhurru](#); [Ian Fegan](#)

Cc: [Santush Chaunkria](#); [Labour Leaders Office](#); [Tim Johnson](#); [Claire Nye](#); [Tim Pritchard](#)

Subject: RE: Wolverhampton Civic Halls [RESTRICTED]

Importance: Normal

RESTRICTED

Dear John

Response to Wolverhampton Lib Dems (see below): Santush – please get in contact directly with the Labour Leaders Office, so we have copy of the letter from the Wolverhampton Lib Dems, and can advise on a suitably tailored response to them as well.

Thanks

Keren

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From: Councillor John Reynolds
Sent: 23 January 2018 16:40
To: Keren Jones <Keren.Jones@wolverhampton.gov.uk>; Labour Leaders Office <Labourleadersoffice@wolverhampton.gov.uk>
Cc: Santush Chaunkria <Santush.Chaunkria@wolverhampton.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Wolverhampton Civic Halls [PROTECT]

Please draft a reply. Thanks.

Councillor John Reynolds
Labour, Graiseley Ward
Cabinet Member, City Economy

From: Councillor Roger Lawrence
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 10:10:18 AM
To: Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats
Cc: Councillor John Reynolds
Subject: RE: Wolverhampton Civic Halls [PROTECT]

PROTECT

Dear Ian,
Thanks for your letter
I share your view that the Civic Halls are a vital cultural and community asset for our city. I am forwarding your letter to Cllr John Reynolds Cabinet member for city economy for a detailed response.

Best Wishes
Roger
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From: Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats [<mailto:libdemswolverhampton@gmail.com>]
Sent: 22 January 2018 14:02
To: Councillor Roger Lawrence <Roger.Lawrence@wolverhampton.gov.uk>
Subject: Wolverhampton Civic Halls

Letter attached

Suggested response to Ian Jenkins

Councillor Lawrence had asked me to reply to your letter 20th January 2018

On 31st January the Council approved the new improvement and full restoration scheme for the Civic and Wulfrun Halls, including additional capital resources of £23.7 million. The full business case for this additional investment was published with the Council paper and can be viewed on the Council website.

The Managing Director has commissioned a lessons learnt review in several capital schemes. Of which this is one, that have exceeded their initial budget estimates. Some of the learning has already been implemented.

The report to Council sets out three scenarios for a mix of funding sources to cover the cost of additional investment. It is already Council policy and practice Council that the receipts generated from our Asset rationalisation strategy and disposal programme are reinvested in our remaining strategic assets. The Council's Finance Director has confirmed that there are sufficient surplus assets in the disposal programme to meet the investment requirements for the Civic Halls to address the structural , mechanical, safety and security items that have been identified as the building has been opened up.

A robust plan for the use of alternative venues is being developed with our key event partners e.g. PDC to retain key events in the City whilst the Civic Halls are closed.