

FOI Request received 15/8/26

I would please like to make a Freedom of Information Act request relating to your town's entry to the DCMS UK Town of Culture 2028 competition.

1. Please can you provide a copy of your town's Stage 1 Expression of Interest entry for the DCMS UK Town of Culture 2028 competition. **I have attached the town's Eol with sections redacted that include sensitive commercial/statistical information.**
2. If it is not otherwise stated within your Stage 1 Expression of Interest, please can you confirm which organisations were your proposed Delivery Body and Accountable Body for your entry. **Included in the Eol.**
3. Please can you provide any information or decision papers concerning your Stage 1 Expression of Interest that were tabled for the consideration of your Council members. **I have no record of any such info/decision papers.**
4. Please can you confirm if your Stage 1 Expression of Interest campaign included a) surveys open to the public, **No.** b) one or more in person public meetings, **Yes** and c) one or more online public meetings. **No**
5. Please can you confirm the amount of money that was directly spent by your Council on your Town of Culture 2028 entry and associated campaign. **None.**
6. Please confirm the estimated total amount of in-kind time spent by officers, employees and members of your Council in completing your Stage 1 Expression of Interest and associated campaign activities (e.g., attending meetings). **Approximately 100 hours of councillors' time and 4 hours officer time.**