



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-03156

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** City of Culture Celebrations 2012

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I am seeking a copy of a report relating to the 2012 City of Culture celebrations in Derry. A report was written which detailed a funding shortfall in the PSNI's budget in terms of increasing security around the celebrations due to a perceived increased security threat.

I would also like a list of all meetings between PSNI representatives and City of Culture representatives/relevant stakeholders concerning the City of Culture celebrations. Please provide relevant details such as names of those present in the meetings and minutes taken.

#### Answer

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

The PSNI's City of Culture Planning Team has met with a wide range of partners over the past 8 months. The team comprises of a Chief Inspector, Inspector and two Constables each of whom has attended numerous meetings both individually and as part of the team. The request would entail trawling diaries of the four team members, finding details of all formal and informal meetings, listing those present and reading and checking notes taken for 8 months. It is therefore estimated to enumerate all of those meetings, listing all of those present, would take an estimated 48 hours to examine the records and it is estimated this process which would take well in excess of time permitted under legislation (18 hours).

The PSNI do not hold any minutes of these meetings. Derry City Council compile minutes usually at formal meetings such as the City of Culture Infrastructure Group, the Transport Sub Group and the Safety Advisory Group. I can also advise you that the PSNI do not hold a report detailing a funding shortfall in the PSNI's budget in terms of increasing security around the celebrations due to a perceived increased security threat.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.