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Mr Wilkes

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Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Dear Mr Wilkes

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

"There is now a Great Run Local operating at The Vale, Birmingham, on the UofB campus.

Has this event received any funding from BCC/RunBirmingham? If so, what was the amount?

Have they received any equipment from the now defunct GRLs at Selly Oak Park & Aston Hall?

If so, were they required to purchase this equipment?

Is this GRL considered to be part of the provision/roll-out of GRLs in Birmingham?

If so, how is that possible when it doesn't operate for 3-4months of the year, & is on a site that is not a public right of way?"

Response

- "There is now a Great Run Local operating at The Vale, Birmingham, on the UofB campus."
- 1. "Has this event received any funding from BCC/RunBirmingham?"
- 2. "If so, what was the amount?"

In response to questions 1 and 2, we confirm the Council holds the requested information in relation to payments made to Nova International Limited since 2014 for the 10k run.

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This information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA because the information is already in the public domain. The requested information is outlined in appendix 2 to the European Capital of Running report dated 20 April 2015 presented to Cabinet. This is included on the Council's reports and decisions database at https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/ and a copy can be requested from the Council's Democratic Services team.

For your ease of reference a copy of the report and the appendices are attached.

3. "Have they received any equipment from the now defunct GRLs at Selly Oak Park & Aston Hall?"

Yes - assets that were purchased by Run Birmingham are used on other Run Birmingham projects/events across the city.

4. "If so, were they required to purchase this equipment?"

No - physical resources used for Great Run Local events remain the property of Great Run Company and are not assets of either Run Birmingham or Birmingham City Council.

Excepting generic items (eg cones), the materials (notably vests and signage) are branded as Great Run Local and this may preclude them from being suited for use at any other event.

5."Is this GRL considered to be part of the provision/roll-out of GRLs in Birmingham?"

Yes.

6. "If so, how is that possible when it doesn't operate for 3-4months of the year, & is on a site that is not a public right of way?"

The event has had difficulty operating outside of university term time because of a lack of volunteers to organise it – but this could change should local community volunteers come forward.

Full permission of the landowners of the site has been granted for use of the location all year round. Where permission is granted by any landowner for use of their site, any Great Run Local or similar event does not need to be a public right of way providing the landowners grant access for purposes of the event.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Ben Harpwood

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