



Freedom of Information Request CRN00215651 – Response

Mayor Marvin Rees Edinburgh trip – 29 November 2018

Request:

Dear Bristol City Council,

I wish to know the following information regarding Marvin Rees' Edinburgh trip.

The full itinerary and diary of the trip.

Copies of any minutes and/or notes taken.

Who paid for travel, accommodation and expenses? How much did this cost? Please break this down by invoice.

Who else from Bristol City Council and/or the Labour Party went on the trip?

Who paid for their travel, accommodation and expenses (including any second and third parties). Please break this down by invoice.

Any and all funding by second and third parties. Please break this down by invoice.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Robinson

Response:

Dear Mr Robinson,

Please find enclosed our response to your request for the following information.

1. Itinerary:

Thursday 29 th November 2018	
Time	Activity
04:45	Taxi with accompanying officer to Bristol airport
07:00-08:15	Bristol-Edinburgh flight
08:45-09:00	Travel by tram to venue (costs covered by Edinburgh)
09:00-09:15	Registration Edinburgh International Conference Centre
09:15-09:45	Attend Plenary: Welcome and Keynote: Frank Ross, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh Anna Lisa Boni, Secretary General of EUROCITIES Charles Landry, author and international advisor on the future of cities
09:45-11:15	Attend Plenary: Creative Cities for Citizens, including signing of EUROCITIES declaration on citizens' engagement Daniel Termont, Mayor of Ghent Young Ambassadors Stephen Clark, Director for Liaison Offices of the European Parliament
11:15-12:15	Meet Mayor of Mannheim and GPM Co-Chair, Peter Kurz during Coffee Break
12:00-12:30	Sign EUROCITIES declaration on citizens' engagement
12:30-13:00	Vote in EUROCITIES AGM elections
13:15-14:15	Attend Private Core Cities Cabinet discussion for politicians only
14:15-16:00	SPEAKING SLOT at Creative Conversation: Involve: inclusion and empowerment through culture
16:00-16:30	Walk to hotel and check-in Novotel Edinburgh Centre Hotel,
16:30-18:30	Attend Core Cities Cabinet Meeting
18:30-19:00	Walk to venue
19:00-22:00	Attend Gala Dinner and EUROCITIES Awards
Friday 30 th November 2018	
08:00-08:15	Check-out
08:15-08:30	Walk to venue (EICC)

08:30-10:45	Attend Private political session 'Building our future together'
10:45-11:15	Attend Core Cities Cabinet Catch-up (politicians only) during Refreshment Break
11:15-12:00	Attend Closing Session Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish First Minister, Young Ambassadors, including Bristol Youth Parliament Member
12:00-13:00	Attend EUROCITIES AGM
13:00-14:00	Attend Lunch at venue
14:00	Travel by tram to Airport
16:00-17:15	Fly Edinburgh-Bristol
17:15	Taxi home from Bristol Airport

2. **Minutes:** No minutes were taken on the trip, but the key purpose and outcomes of this visit were:

- To participate in the EUROCITIES Annual Conference taking place in Edinburgh from 28th to 30th November 2018. Bristol is a member of the Eurocities network. This year, the conference explored the role of culture and creativity in driving successful, inclusive and prosperous cities and enriching the quality of life of citizens. Also working in the context of a year of great changes for Europe, in particular related to the prospect of Brexit and the European elections.
- Participation included an opportunity to:
 - Hear from plenary speakers (see itinerary) and discuss joint working with other European and UK Cities
 - Sign the joint declaration on citizen engagement
 - Speak on panel discussion: Creative Conversation: Involve: inclusion and empowerment through culture on Bristol's projects and approach to creative community engagement alongside other representatives from Glasgow, Milan and Nantes.
 - Accompany and support one of our Bristol Youth UK MP's as part of the EUROCITIES young ambassadors' programme including her opportunity to take part in the closing plenary discussion with Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish First Minister.
- The visit also provided an opportunity to:
 - Meet with Global Parliament of Mayors Co-Chair Peter Kurz, Mayor of Mannheim, Germany to follow up from the GPM Summit in Bristol.
 - Co-locate and participate in the UK Core Cities Cabinet meeting (of which Bristol is also a member) to discuss Core Cities issues and Government engagement.

3. **Funding:** Council-funded costs are included in the table below. Please note that the Mayor's conference fee was funded by Core Cities UK and Bristol City Council does not hold data on how much this cost.

Item	Costs paid by BCC Mayor's office, Youth Team and Policy Team	Costs paid by Bristol Brussels Office (For Head of Bristol Brussels Office)
Flights/travel	EasyJet – £104.78 – Mayor's Office EasyJet – £100.74 – Bristol Youth MP EasyJet – £92.63 – Policy Officer	Ryanair – £16.99 KLM – £130.21
Accommodation	All at Novotel: 1 night – £130 – Mayor 1 night – £130 – Policy Officer 2 nights – £230 – Bristol Youth MP	Novotel: 2 nights – £230
Conference fee	£126 – Bristol Youth MP £252 – Policy Officer	£302.40
Other costs	Taxi to and from Bristol airport – £27 each way (£54 total)	
Overall total cost to Bristol City Council: £1,899.75		

4. **Attendees:** A Policy Officer from Bristol City Council, a Bristol Youth Parliament Member and the Head of the Bristol Brussels Office also attended the Eurocities Conference. No-one from the Labour Party accompanied the Mayor on the trip.