

Dear Mr McGivern

Thank you for your email dated 26 September 2019 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information on the planning application made to erect floodlights and ancillary equipment at Paisley Park Sports Facilities Complex.

I can confirm that Belfast City Council holds some of the information you have requested and has decided that the information it holds can be disclosed into the public domain. Accordingly, this information is provided below. Where the information requested is not held by the Council this is clearly indicated below. For ease of reference, I have reproduced each part of your query and provided the Council's response directly below each part.

1. Please provide details of the source of funding for the provision of the stadium lighting, i.e. the name of the funding source and the organisation which authorises / approves the funding.
<p>At present there is no funding committed for the provision of lighting for the running track. The project is broken into two Phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Phase 1: restoration of the athletics track- Phase 2: installation of lighting <p>Funding was secured from the Department for Communities to complete Phase 1.</p>
2. Confirm if the funding was advertised and available to all groups or bodies and the dates it was advertised and where, i.e. names of newspapers or address of websites.
<p>As stated above, there is no funding committed for the provision of lighting for the running track. To secure funding for Phase 1 of the project a funding application was submitted to the Department for Communities (DfC). The Council applied directly for funding to DfC. The Council holds no information on the advertisement of funding.</p>
3. Please provide the details of the dates the funding source was opened from and closed if no longer available or the date to which further applications can be made.
<p>Please see response above, numbered 2. There was no call for funding; a funding application was directly submitted to DfC.</p>
4. Provide Full details of who made the funding application and the date it was made, i.e. the name of the organisation completing the application for funding, their address and the date the application was signed, also please include the date the application was stamped as being received by the funding body
<p>Please see above, response numbered 1. No funding applied for the provision of lighting for the running track.</p>
5. Provide details of the % of total amount of funding provided by the funding body and amount or % of funding required to be provided by the applicant
<p>See above, response number 2</p>
6. Please provide details the date the funding award was approved and the total £ amount of the funding required to complete the project and details of any other funding source(s) required if more than source.
<p>See above, response number 2</p>
7. Please provide a copy of the business case used by the funding body or bodies in approving the funding award.
<p>N/A.</p>

8. Please confirm the date that Belfast City Council acquired the Paisley Park Site and took possession of every part of the land as indicated on the Planning Application Form.
To date, the Council has not acquired the land.

If you are dissatisfied with how the Council handled your request for information, you have the right to request that the Council formally review this decision. If you wish to do so, please write to the Records Manager, Information Governance Unit, Legal and Civic Services, Belfast City Council, City Hall, Belfast, BT1 5GS.

Should you remain dissatisfied following the Council's internal review, you can seek an independent review from the Information Commissioner. Requests for an independent review should be made in writing to: The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, I would advise you that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me.

Yours

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