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Dear JV Rutter

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the Treasures of China Exhibition. Please find below our response to your to your questions.

Essex County Council has a 25 year relationship with Jiangsu Province in China which involves education, trade and cultural exchange. This relationship enabled to ECC approach Nanjing Museum through the Foreign Affairs Office and Department of Culture in Jiangsu Province, and negotiate the loan of the Treasures of China exhibition on behalf of Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service who organised and arranged the exhibition.

1. *Number of ECC staff who have travelled to China in connection with the planning and/or execution of the Treasures of China exhibition in Colchester.*

One member of ECC staff travelled to China twice with staff from Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service to negotiate the Treasures of China exhibition with the Foreign Affairs Office and Department of Culture in Jiangsu.

2. *The cost of all travel by staff in 1 above on such trips including , separately,*

All costs of air travel, other travel, accommodation, meals etc for the ECC staff member who went to China were paid for by Colchester & Ipswich Museum service. This information therefore is not held by Essex County Council. Your request should therefore be directed to <http://www.cimuseums.org.uk/contact-us.html>

- 2.1 *air fares and other travel costs,*

Information not held by ECC (contact Colchester & Ipswich Museum Service)

- 2.2 *accommodation costs, per diem and any other subsistence costs*

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3. *Number of Chinese government, museum or other organisations from China who have travelled to UK at the expense in whole or part of ECC in connection with the planning and/or execution of the Treasures of China exhibition in Colchester.*

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4. *The cost of all travel by staff in 3 above on such trips to the extent paid or reimbursed by ECC including , separately,*



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4.2 accommodation costs, per diem and any other subsistence costs

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5. *Any other benefits provided to ECC staff in connection with the Treasures of China exhibition including any free or subsidised exhibition entrance tickets to ECC staff or their families.*

Access to a showing on 29 June

I trust this information satisfies your request. However, should you require anything further, please contact me and I will endeavour to assist you further.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, please let me know. If I am unable to resolve the issue immediately, I will explain our complaints procedure.

If, after following our complaints procedure, you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision. You can contact him at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 454700

Yours sincerely

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