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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI465524487**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Reel Store/Telegraph Hotel.

You have requested the following information:

Thank you for your request for information relating to the Reel Store / Telegraph Hotel, dated 15 November 2022. We have reviewed the questions, confirm that information is held in relation to your request, and are able to respond as follows (we have added numbers to your request):

**Please share all documents concerning the City Councils relationship with the Telegraph Hotel and The Reel Store.**

**1. This information should include all documentation of council minutes and reports that refer to public funding of or public contributions to the funding of:**

**a) The Telegraph Hotel**

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Council website. Please find below links to the public report and minutes considered by Cabinet and Full Council dated 8 January 2019 and 15 January 2019 respectively. This report relates to the re-gear of the lease in relation to the Telegraph Hotel:

Report:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s42344/Land%20and%20Buildings%20->

%20Lease%20and%20Surrender%20Regear.pdf

Report Appendix:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s42345/Land%20and%20Buildings%20-%20Lease%20Surrender%20and%20Regear%20-%20Appendix%201.pdf>

Minutes:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s42719/Minutes%20-%208th%20January%202019.pdf>

We are therefore advising you as per Section 21 of the FOIA that we do not have to provide the requested information. Further details provided below.

## **b) The Reel Store**

The City of Culture Trust were awarded £750,000 from the “Getting Building Fund”, administered by the West Midlands Combined Authority and managed through the Council’s Cultural Capital Investment Fund. The funding was to support the capital works for the Reel Store and was subjected to a quarterly claim process in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Funding Agreement between Coventry City Council and City of Culture Trust.

Coventry City Council continue to have discussions with Coventry City of Culture Trust around legacy following the City of Culture 2021, including the role of the Reel Store, as part of that process. At the time of providing this response, no formal agreement has been entered into between the parties in relation to the Reel Store.

**2. This should include details of lease arrangements/ exemptions offered to both organisations. The detail should include public funding given to both organisations and clarify ownership arrangements for both properties:**

### **a) The Telegraph Hotel**

The Council is the freehold owner of the land known as the Telegraph Hotel and has granted a 250-year lease from (and including) 5 February 2019 to (and including) 14 February 2269.

The Parties to the lease are:

- (1) The Council of the City of Coventry, and
- (2) Far Gosford Developments Limited

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

“(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment...”

The lease is registered under title number MM121175 and a copy of this lease can be obtained from the Land Registry.

As a result, we believe that the information is reasonably accessible to you and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

## **b) The Reel Store**

The City of Culture Trust occupies the Reel Store under a lease granted by Far Gosford Developments Limited, dated 7 May 2022 for a term of 25 years, from and including 7 May 2022.

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Yours faithfully

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