

GREATERLONDONAUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA160620-5054

9 July 2020

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 16 June 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked for:

- (1) From 1st September 2015 to 9th May 2016, I would like all internal correspondence and communications held by the former mayor that mentions, or refers to, the businessman Richard Desmond.*
- (2) From 1st September 2015 to 9th May 2016, I would like all internal correspondence and communications held by the former mayor that mentions, or refers to, the company Northern & Shell.*
- (3) From 1st September 2015 to 9th May 2016, I would like to request all external correspondence and communications between Boris Johnson and the businessman Richard Desmond.*
- (4) From 1st September 2015 to 9th May 2016, I would like to request all external correspondence and communications between Boris Johnson and the company Northern & Shell.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please note that all email accounts belonging to the former Mayoral team have now been deleted. Please find attached the external correspondence that the GLA holds within scope of your request.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

Richard Desmond ([REDACTED])

To: Mayor (mayor@london.gov.uk)

From: Richard Desmond

Sent: 07 October 2015 14:59

To: [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk'

Subject:

Dear Boris

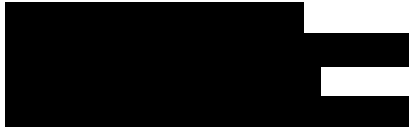
Great seeing you with Will last week. Great speech at the party conference.

Thank you so much for your book, The Churchill Factor: How One Man Made History, I will read it over the half term and when I say read I mean read.

Keep in touch. I will see you on 22 Oct at 8 am at the Ruby Breakfast, London Hilton Park Lane, where I will be supporting you as always.

All my best
Richard

Richard Desmond
Chairman
Northern & Shell Plc
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Number 10 Lower Thames Street
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MAYOR OF LONDON

Mr Richard Desmond
Chair
Northern & Shell
10 Lower Thames Street
London EC3R 6AD

Date: 30 NOV 2015

Dear Richard

I am sure you will agree with me that our capital city is brimming with tremendously talented people full of dynamism, energy and potential. It is my priority to ensure that every Londoner has a chance to be part of our capital's success, and that our businesses flourish.

Apprenticeships are central to my vision for London, and in my Apprenticeship Campaign we have already seen annual apprenticeship numbers more than double in London and I know we can go further still.

The business benefits of apprenticeships are clear and thousands of London's firms have already recognised them in terms of increased productivity, efficiency and loyalty of staff. Many have also been able to access Government funding to cover training and recruitment costs. I am confident that all London firms will be able to identify suitable positions where apprentices would add real value. I am writing to ask you to consider how apprentices could become part of your workforce or, if you have already recruited apprentices before, how you might extend your programme in your own business or encourage other businesses to recruit, for example through your supply chain.

I really hope that this letter has encouraged you to join my Campaign. I would be most grateful if you could assign one of your senior HR staff to liaise with my office for a more in-depth conversation. In the first instance, please contact [REDACTED] in my Business Engagement team by email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk or on [REDACTED]

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London