

1 August 2022

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 25 July 2022, in which you requested the following information. I have responded to each question in turn:

1. Has VisitScotland received or will it receive any Scottish Government funding, partially or wholly related to the EuroVision song contest, slated to take place in the UK in 2023.
 - 1b. If so, how much, broken down by year

We have not received Scottish Government funding partially or wholly related to the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest and we do not know if we will receive such funding. At the current time no host city has been selected.

2. Has VisitScotland allocated any of its own budget concerning the EuroVision song contest, slated to take place in the UK in 2023.
 - 2b. If so, how much
 - 2c. If so, can it provide narrative what this will be used for and what funding streams this will come from
 - 2d. If so, will this be used for any specific region or city

No, we have not allocated any of our own budget to the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest.

3. Will VS provide any departmental support for a Scottish city/region to bid for 2023 partner, which may be regarded as part of its normal duties and expenditure
 - 3b. If so, how much will this cost

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the BBC have confirmed that the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest will be hosted in the United Kingdom on behalf of this year's winning broadcaster, Ukraine's UA:PBC. The host city will be chosen in the coming months following a bidding process, and any bids from potential host cities for the 2023 event must come directly from the relevant Local Authority.

EventScotland is a department within VisitScotland's Events Directorate which aims to support the Scottish events industry. EventScotland will provide bidding advice and support to any and all interested Scottish cities, as part of its normal business as usual activity, should it be asked.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughead, whose contact details are set out below:

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If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording), and be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.

Yours sincerely,

VisitScotland