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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: FOI Request - UK Town of Culture 2028 - Shaftesbury

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your email. Please find below my comments in blue plus supporting documentation attached.

Many Thanks

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 August 2026 16:46
To: Shaftesbury Town Council Office <office@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: FOI Request - UK Town of Culture 2028 - Shaftesbury

Good afternoon,

I would please like to make a Freedom of Information Act request relating to your town's entry to the DCMS UK Town of Culture 2028 competition.

1. Please can you provide a copy of your town's Stage 1 Expression of Interest entry for the DCMS UK Town of Culture 2028 competition. [Attached](#)
2. If it is not otherwise stated within your Stage 1 Expression of Interest, please can you confirm which organisations were your proposed Delivery Body and Accountable Body for your entry. [See 1.2 in the EOI](#)
3. Please can you provide any information or decision papers concerning your Stage 1 Expression of Interest that were tabled for the consideration of your Council members. [See Full Council agenda 17th March 2026 \(item no 12.3.5\) and corresponding minutes and Arts & Culture agenda and corresponding minutes from 28th April 2026 attached.](#)
4. Please can you confirm if your Stage 1 Expression of Interest campaign included a) surveys open to the public, b) one or more in person public meetings, and c) one or more online public meetings. [Public council meetings as per response above](#)
5. Please can you confirm the amount of money that was directly spent by your Council on your Town of Culture 2028 entry and associated campaign. [Shaftesbury Town Council did not spend any money](#)
6. Please confirm the estimated total amount of in-kind time spent by officers, employees and members of your Council in completing your Stage 1 Expression of Interest and associated campaign activities (e.g., attending meetings). [Officers of the town council spent around 30 minutes to one hour on this item, whilst it was discussed at the council meetings, reading emails and sharing of two social media posts.](#)

Best regards,

[REDACTED] DN22 [REDACTED]