

Our Reference: 2572

16/01/2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Enquiry: Mayor's Travel to Brazil

Thank you for contacting the West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, received on 16/12/2025. Your request was:

"Why was it necessary for the Mayor to travel to Brazil recently was Zoom not available and who paid?"

This request was handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and I can confirm that the Combined Authority holds the information covered by your request.

Flights, accommodation and subsistence for the Mayor and colleague to attend the C40 World Mayors Forum and COP30 were paid for by Bloomberg Philanthropies. The Combined Authority does not hold information about the costs of this. There were some incidental expenses covered by the Combined Authority in relation to the visit to the C40 World Mayors Forum and COP30. These are listed below:

Date	Item	Value
02-Nov-25	Taxi from Leeds (two pick up points) to Leeds Bradford Airport	£30.85
02-Nov-25	Taxi in Rio De Janeiro from wrong hotel to correct hotel	£1.86
03-Nov-25	Dinner for Mayor and Colleague in Rio De Janeiro	£26.52
06-Nov-25	Taxi from Leeds Bradford Airport to Leeds (two drop off points)	£40.99
	Total	£100.22

I can confirm that the conference did not offer a Zoom option.

The Mayor undertakes trade missions to other countries to perform her role as ambassador for the region, promote West Yorkshire's fantastic exporting businesses, and promote investment opportunities. These trips help to create jobs and opportunities across West Yorkshire, strengthening relationships and trade links which benefit our businesses.

Trade and investment missions to key international markets allow us to:



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- Reinforce West Yorkshire's reputation as a key partner for UK government in strengthening trade and investment relationships with key international markets
- Promote West Yorkshire businesses as providers of innovative and high-quality goods and services to the UK's largest trading partners to increase export activity
- Promote West Yorkshire to global businesses as the leading location to live, work, and invest
- Explore cultural and creative partnership opportunities aligned with cities of culture activity

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Officer

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