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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Freedom of Information - Response - [REDACTED]

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 24 May 2025 for information about St James Baths. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request 1: Doncaster council has in the past received levelling up funding to renovate and restore St James Baths, please provide an itemised and costed list of where this funding was spent and what this funding was spent upon.

Response:

To date, £453,709 has been spent from the funding received. This has been distributed via Grant Funding Agreements and has been used towards:

- * Survey costs
- * Professional fees
- * Security costs
- * Completion of replacement roof to the principal building.

An itemised and costed list is not available.

Request 2: Please provide the reasons for the sale of the property after funding was received, and why the renovation by Doncaster Council was not completed for the good of Doncaster people.

Response:

The Levelling Up funding allocated to this building is to part-fund essential repairs, including provision of a replacement roof to the principal building to make it watertight and ensure further dilapidations are minimised. The funding secured is a contribution to overall costs, with the balance being made by the private sector. The property has been marketed since December 2019 and has been vacant since it was closed to the public in 2013. It is in need of substantial repair and maintenance, and a private sector developer has submitted a proposition to bring the building back into use, using both private sector and LUF funding. The sale of the property has not yet concluded.

Request 3: I believe that plans have been submitted by the current owners to turn into an aparthotel but the pool will be reduced to a fraction of it's original size and not be open to the public as a swimming baths, what is the current status of the planning permission? (no updates since October 2024 on council website.)

Response:

City of Doncaster Council is still the owner of St James Baths, but a planning application has been submitted by a third party. The planning application is pending consideration with matters in relation to costings of the proposed works and viability figures need to be updated. The application was previously on hold pending an outstanding survey, which has now been completed. Once the required outstanding information is updated, the application can be reviewed and submitted to Planning Committee.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,
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Please treat the content of this e-mail as confidential. If you have received this e-mail and it is not addressed to you please accept my apologies and inform me as soon as possible.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 7:18 AM
To: Freedom of Information Requests <FOI.Requests@doncaster.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Funding for St James' Baths, reason for sale, and current status

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Doncaster Borough Council,

Doncaster council has in the past received levelling up funding to renovate and restore St James Baths, please provide an itemised and costed list of where this funding was spent and what this funding was spent upon.

Please provide the reasons for the sale of the property after funding was received, and why the renovation by Doncaster Council was not completed for the good of Doncaster people.

I believe that plans have been submitted by the current owners to turn into an aparthotel but the pool will be reduced to a fraction of it's original size and not be open to the public as a swimming baths, what is the current status of the planning permission? (no updates since October 2024 on council website.)

Yours faithfully,