



**Wigan**♥  
**Council**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the changes following Wigan Council's decision not to renew the contract of the two creative directors midway through the Haigh Hall project.

1. Team Members: Please provide the names, roles, and qualifications of the team members who will now be responsible for delivering the vision of the project, not just the capital build, but also the establishment of the national cultural organisation and the development of the cultural programme.

The overall Project Leader throughout the project has been is James Winterbottom, Director of Strategy and Innovation. A number of Wigan Employees and Stakeholders are involved with the collaborative project. However the Council believes that the names of team members , details of experience, roles and qualifications is persona data and therefore exempt under s40( 2) of the Freedom of information Act 2000. Releasing the names of staff below the level of Assistant director including details of their roles and qualifications will breach data protection principles.

2. Experience: For each team member, please provide details of their relevant experience in delivering cultural projects, both nationally and internationally. This should include examples of projects they have worked on, their specific roles within those projects, and any outcomes or recognition related to those efforts.

The Council has a number of external stakeholders and parties and reference can be made to the Council's FAQ on this matter which are to be published on its website for further information:

[The restoration of Haigh Hall](#)

3. Project Leadership: Who will be responsible for overseeing the cultural vision of the project, ensuring its alignment with the original goals, and how will this be managed moving forward? Please provide any documentation on the structure or governance of the team in relation to this.

As has always been the case the Project is led by James Winterbottom