

Right to Information Request – July 2022

UTAS' annual report for 2016 includes a statement that:

"Following the visit to King's, the Vice Chancellor and Chair of the University Council's Built Environment and Infrastructure Committee joined with the Hobart City Council to attend the annual conference of the Academic Association Conference, entitled UniverCities - Higher Education Institutions and their Habitat. Following the conference, delegates visited the exemplar cities of Freiburg in Germany and Cambridge in the UK." (p33)

UTAS's annual report for 2017 includes a reference to:

"...a tour for the mayors and aldermen of Hobart, Burnie and Launceston to collaboratively explore how strong partnerships between universities and cities can create social, cultural, and economic benefits." (p30)

I request all UTAS Council and Built Environment and Infrastructure Committee records relating to these two visits/tours ("visits"), including but not limited to:

- proposals for the visits;
 - lists of UTAS officers, mayors and alderman involved in the visits/tours ("delegates");
 - choice of delegates;
 - briefs prepared for the visits;
 - reports on/assessments of the visits;
 - Council discussion of the visits; and
 - the costs of the visits (I would expect these to include line item expenditures, rather than detailed accounts or receipts).
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A search on all **Built Infrastructure and Environment Committee (BEIC)** meetings for the years 2015 – 2017 inclusive was undertaken as per the search request above and the following references have been found:

Built Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting minutes – 16 November 2016

3.3 * Overview of Europe trip

16/B4/145

The Committee received the oral overview of the Europe trip.

Built Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda 27 February 2017

Agenda Item 3.1

* Update on UniverCities Conference and associated visits

Presenter: Chair and the Vice-Chancellor

MOTION:

- That the committee receives the verbal update on the UniverCities Conference and associated visits.

The Chair and the Vice-Chancellor will provide a verbal update on the UniverCities Conference and associated visits from November 2016.

Built Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes - 27 February 2017

3.1 * Update on UniverCities Conference and associated visits

The Chair and the Vice-Chancellor provided a verbal update on the UniverCities Conference and associated visits. Key matters noted:

- Conference in Budapest was attended by delegates including attendees from the University and the Hobart City Council. The benefits of this joint delegation were noted.
- Visit to Freiberg (Germany) noted that the University was central to the city and has significant impact on local industry and economic performance. There had been a focus on use of public transport and bicycles with a reduction in motor vehicles use in the city.
- Visit to Cambridge (England) noting the establishment of a significant new health focused research park on the outskirts of the city.

17/B1/151

The Committee received the verbal update on the UniverCities Conference and associated visits

A search on all **University Council** meetings (Agenda papers and Minutes) for the years 2015 – 2017 inclusive was undertaken as per the search request above and no references have been found in any of the search categories.