

Email communication between the Scottish Government and either Scottish Enterprise or Scottish Development International on the topic of a location for the Berlin trade hub:

Berlin Hub and [redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 26 July 2017 11:54
To: [redacted]@scotent.co.uk [redacted]@scotent.co.uk
Cc: [redacted]@scotent.co.uk [redacted]@scotent.co.uk

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this. We're expecting international colleagues to provide us with the job description for the Berlin post this week and we are planning to go out to the Embassy within the next few weeks to see what is being offered in terms of accommodation. I'll keep you posted.

[redacted]

Thanks again.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Trade team
Economic Development Directorate
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@scotent.co.uk
Sent: 13 July 2017 16:46
To: [redacted]@gov.scot [redacted]@scotent.co.uk
Cc: [redacted]@scotent.co.uk [redacted]@scotent.co.uk
Subject: RE: Berlin hub [redacted]

[redacted], Thanks, and good to get that confirmation on Berlin.

Depending on the timing, the logical thing would be for [redacted] to join you in viewing the space – we can confirm that once you know when. Do you have a sense of how quickly SG will recruit someone for the Hub role? Once we know the timelines we'll get our advertising out for the SDI role.

[redacted]

In terms of an announcement, happy to discuss – if Berlin is likely to go live quickly, then that might offer an opportunity.

Regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 13 July 2017 15:17
To: [redacted]@scotent.co.uk [redacted]@scotent.co.uk
Subject: Berlin hub & [redacted]

Hi [redacted]/[redacted]

When we met recently I promised to share the submission on the Berlin hub with you. Apologies for the delay in doing so. Mr Brown has now confirmed that he favours option 3 so the hub will be established [redact] in the Embassy and [redact].

Colleagues in European relations have advised that we should go out to the Embassy to view the space that's being offered. I gather that the offer has changed and might not be as suitable as the original. Would someone from SDI wish to join that visit?

[redacted]
Thanks.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Trade team
Economic Development Directorate
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: Montag, 28. August 2017 15:57
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc:[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@scotent.co.uk
Subject: BERLIN INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT HUB

[redacted],

[redacted], [redacted] and I visited the British Embassy Berlin last week to look at possible venues for the Scottish Innovation and Investment Hub. [redacted] In summary there are two options:-
Redact highlighted text- s.28(1) UK Relations

- Option 1: the Embassy have offered us two adjacent rooms [redacted] We can also request dimensions from the Embassy.

- Option 2 is to be located on the [redacted] – this is brighter in terms of daylight – but the costs associated with it are likely to be prohibitive as it would involve moving a door that [redacted]

- in summary we think the first option can be made to work [redacted]The space is adequate for our purposes, [redacted]. The other key win is the access to excellent conferencing and representational space in the Embassy as well as the [redacted]. [redacted]

[redacted] Head of Corporate services in the Embassy is the key contact that [redacted] can put you in touch with to get the ball rolling if you are content.

- [redacted]

More generally there will be a discussion to be had with the Embassy on the:-

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

If you are content, can I leave you to pick up with the Embassy direct as I shall be moving to take a new post up in Brussels at the end of the week. [redacted] is copied into this as he may be able to share with you his experience of setting up the Dublin hub.

[redacted] will be in touch with [redacted] about recruiting the Head of Office now the advert is live.

In the meantime – happy to discuss what we saw in Berlin - as is [redacted].

[redacted]

[redacted]