

Enquiries to: Information Team
Our Ref: FOI 3117222



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Dear Sue Wong

Freedom of Information Request 3117222

Thank you for your recent request received. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

Please supply the total cost from August 2018 and the hours spent on this along with the names of all the Echo reporters who sat in on these meeting.

- 1/ The total cost to the Liverpool ratepayers of this 18 month [FISP] report is needed.*
- 2/ Who was the person in the LCC to close this down and why?*
- 3/ Why is there no public story on this from your local Echo in Liverpool?*

Footnotes below:

There were eight meetings of the Fractional Investment & Scrutiny Panel (FISP), the first on 30 August 2018 and the last on 19 May 2019.

Minutes are only available on your website for that first meeting. Why are the minutes of the other seven meetings not also available online for the public to see?

It is now nearly nine months since the last meeting of the FISP yet there is still no sign of the final report. Why is it taking the Chair, Cllr Jane Corbett, longer to actually write the report than it took to arrange and hold the eight Panel meetings?

When exactly is the final report of this Panel likely to be produced?

Given the inordinate delay in producing the final report, is Cllr Corbett actually qualified and competent to do so or should the defrauded investors be asking the Government for a totally independent inquiry into what has been happening in Liverpool that has resulted in so many stalled and unfinished developments?

Response:

Liverpool City Council would advise that with regard to any materials discussed during informal meetings these were provided by third parties and returned to third parties and as such information thereof is not in the control or possession of the City Council. The Minutes of such meetings will be published in narrative form as part of the final report of the Scrutiny Panel has been prepared and published which at this juncture has clearly not taken place.

We would confirm that the final report of the Scrutiny Panel will be published no later than Tuesday 31 March 2020 and reported to the next available meeting of Regeneration Select Committee

On this basis and as the requested information is intended for future publication, Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is applied.

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This concludes our response.

As we have applied an exemption under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act we are required to provide you with a Notice under Section 17 of the same Act for which purposes this letter is issued.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you must submit these in writing to Informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving your response. The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with the response and we will look to provide a response within 40 days.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:- Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303-123-113. Email –mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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