

Enquiries to: Information Team
Our Ref: FOI6503850

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**Liverpool
City Council**

Dear Mrs Cole

Freedom of Information Request 6503850

Thank you for your recent information request, details of which are as follows –

1/ Will the LCC provide all records on Cllr Ann O'Byrne's dealing with: PHD1 & NPG Ltd in 2014/15

2/ Why did she take a cash gift of £1,800 from PHD1 in 2014 and why did it go to the Liverpool Labour Party?

3/ Where did this £1,800 end up?

4/ Why did PHD1 & NPG Ltd then sponsor a number of events in Liverpool, one being Baltic Creative CIC which involved [Erika Ruston Director of the Baltic creative company and Cllr Gary Millar who went to an art event with Mr. Peter McInnes.

5/ Please supply all past records on Cllr Ann O'Byrne and Nick Kavanagh's involvement with the [Liverpool Market Company] as there has been mismanagement of missing funds [cash] payments unaccounted for and why was Pam sacked?

6/ Please will the LCC up-date the press and the public on the case of [The Beautiful Ideas Company], which involved both Cllr Ann O'Byrne, Cllr Nick Small, Erika Rushton and the Flanagan group, has the LCC still not investigated this or called in the police?

7/ Has the LCC got a full record of all Cllr Ann O'Byrne's e-mails from 2014/16 to the Mayor, [Joe Anderson] with regards to PHD1 and the awarding the £250 million contract to them / NPG Ltd and NCDC Ltd?

8/ Has the LCC got a full log/ record of her e-mails to the LCC and to the Mayor [Joe Anderson] with the matter of the [Coconut Grove] 2016 and the partnership with, NPG Ltd and the Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, and the red outdoor banner, that Liverpool echo reporter [Tom Duffy] exposed did Cllr O'Byrne explain her role in this to "Tom Duffy" yet?

9/ Would the LCC [Liverpool Council] have any objections then to members of the public and inside whistle-blowers passing these e-mails to the press in London and to put out online [the internet] as so the ratepayers in Liverpool can see just what Cllr Ann O'Byrne with her group has been up to?

Response

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows –

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4. It is a matter for external organisations and companies as to their respective commercial activities and endeavours.
5. As this element of your request is speculative and encompasses multiple years, it is considered that to conduct the necessary electronic and manual searches to respond would substantially exceed 18 hours and as such as Section 12 exemption is applied.
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9. This is a statement and as such is not a valid request for information under Freedom of Information legislation.

This concludes our response.

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)

We trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely
Information Team