

Enquiries to: Information Team
Our Ref: FOI6599611



**Liverpool
City Council**

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Dear Cole Jr or Mrs Cooper or Mr Cole or....

Freedom of Information Request 6599611

Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

- ' 1. Cllr Anna Rothery, attacked fellow [Cllr Nick Small] in a bar room brawl was any weapon [Bottle] used on him did he need to go to the hospital and was this filed with the Merseyside police?*
- 2. What action did the Mayor take and the Liverpool City Council towards Cllr Anna Rothery?*
- 3. Please supply as from 2020/21 the list of drivers used to drive the new Lord Mayor around in the official Liverpool City Council Car*
- 4. Please provide all overseas flights that Cllr Anna Rothery has taken paid for by the Liverpool City Council all flights.*
 - A] All flights to the Caribbean and how many bookings (seats) besides her (Anna Rothery)*
 - B] All flights to South Africa paid for by the Liverpool City Council and who was the other 3 booking for?*
- 5. According to the Liverpool Echo reporter, Liam Thorp, Anna Rothery lives in Liverpool L8 could the Liverpool City Council confirm this?*
- 6. What was her involvement with "West Tree Estates in Ducie St Liverpool 8, and Percy St with Cllr Ann O'Byrne and Elliot Lawless?*
- 6. Has Cllr Anna Rothery, ever taken or passed on Liverpool FC tickets to others in the past?*
- 7. Has Cllr Anna Rothery been involved with Liverpool FC or its agents or ex-players and taken any gifts in kind when also being a Cllr?*
- 8. Does the Liverpool City Council sponsor [Liam Thorp] in any way or sponsor the Liverpool Echo with payments?*
- 9. Does the Liverpool City Council sponsor "Reach PLC, North West Daily post, if so, what was the last invoice paid to the above newspaper as from 2016/21?'*

Response

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows –

1. No information is held by the City Council.
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3. Information relating to individuals is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 (2) Freedom of Information Act 2000.
4. Information relating to overseas travel undertaken by Elected Members in the course of their official duties is already a matter of public record having been released in other responses reasonably accessible to you.
 - A. For the avoidance of doubt, nil (zero) flights have been booked organised paid for or otherwise facilitated in relation to Councillor Rothery to the Caribbean.
 - B. For the avoidance of doubt, nil (zero) flights have been booked organised paid for or otherwise facilitated in relation to Councillor Rothery to South Africa.
5. Information relating to the Registered Interests of all Elected Members are already in the public domain and reasonably accessible to you via the City Council website at – www.liverpool.gov.uk
6. Information relating to offers of gifts and hospitality made to all Elected Members are already in the public domain and reasonably accessible to you via the City Council website at – www.liverpool.gov.uk
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8. The City Council does not sponsor newspapers or journalists. In the event the City Council is required to public legal notices in local publications, then invoices for payments are raised and paid, details of which are already in the public domain via our Transparency Code publications and which are reasonably accessible to you via the City Council website at – www.liverpool.gov.uk
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In relation to the comments and speculation you make relating to individuals -

Warning - Submission of Information Requests with potentially Defamatory Content

It is our assessment that the content of a number of the statements within your request are in whole or part potentially defamatory in nature, that these identify or refer to individuals and are being published by yourself through the use of a public website forum to third parties.

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We would further advise you that the defamatory statements made by yourself either directly or through recognised aliases and contained within the information requests referenced above fall within the meaning of Article 14(1)(a) of the E-Commerce Directive (2000/31/EC). Under the law of England and Wales, a defamatory statement is one which tends to lower the claimant in the estimation of right thinking members of society generally (Sim v Stretch [1936] 2 All ER 1237).

We would further advise that a defamatory statement is published at the place where it is read, heard or seen, and is not where the material was first placed on the internet. In internet cases, therefore, provided a small number of people have access to the material on the internet in England, the English courts will have jurisdiction to hear the claim against a foreign defendant (Spiliada Maritime Corp v Cansulex Ltd [1987] A.C. 460).

We would therefore advise that you take prompt action to remove or disabled access to the Offending Webpages.

In the event that this confirmation is not received, the individuals named directly or by implication within the above referenced information requests and publicly displayed on the Offending Websites shall reserve the right to issue proceedings against you seeking relief for defamation.

The remedies that may be available to the these individuals include an injunction restraining further publication of the Offending Statement [pending trial], damages, legal costs and interest.

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)

Yours sincerely
Information Team