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Dear John Hanlon

Freedom of Information Request 4664790

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

- “1. Since July 2016 how many planning applications did Andy Barr sign off for Signature Living. Please list all?”*
- 2. Since July 2016 has Andy Barr's wife ever worked for Signature Living?*
- 3. Since July 2016 has any money ever entered into Mr Barr's household from Signature Living, or an associated Company?*
- 4. If money had entered into his household, would the Council consider this a breach of the 'Code of Conduct' and the relevant statutory obligations required by an Officer, set out in law?*
- 5. Please state all relevant legislation regarding declaring information on pecuniary and non-pecuniary payment for Officers?”*

Response:

With regard to this specific request, our responses are as follows –

1. None.
2. Yes.
3. As indicated in our response at (2) above, as a member of the household was employed within this group of companies, that person received a salary as a result of this employment.
4. In the event that an individual is in employment with a company or organisation, then it is reasonable to expect payment in the form of a salary to be made to that individual reflecting the nature of their employment and service. Neither the Code of Conduct for Employees nor legislation require the disclosure of a salary of an associated person.
5. No. Freedom of Information legislation does not extend to answer hypothetical or speculative questions.

However, and for the avoidance of doubt, were a family member or member of a household of a City Council employee to be employed by a third party then employees receive a salary from their employer.

The receipt of a salary by other family or household members would not and does not constitute either a breach of the Employees Code of Conduct nor of any legislative obligations otherwise applicable.

6. This is addressed within Section 117 of the Local Government Act 1972. Information in relation to all UK legislation is available online. As such and in accordance with the application of Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 we would refer you to the following weblink – <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/117>

This concludes our response.

In accordance with the application of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we have not provided all of the information requested. As such this letter serves as a Section 17 Notice under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 SK95AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113. Email – mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

We trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Information Team