



Dear Mr Thomas

Freedom of Information Request 5221719

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. Please supply the number of times Mr Derek Hatton has visited or being given access to enter the offices of the Liverpool city council within the last 2 years?

This is a matter that several Liverpool city council staff have complained about that, Mr Derek Hatton walks around the floors of the Cunard, as if he was a full-time acting staff member.

2. Has Mr Derek Hatton got any family members or partners working within the Cunard offices as LCC staff or in the planning department?

3. Is Sonjia Eccleston a member or employee of the Liverpool city council and what department does she work in?

4. Does the Liverpool city council work with (Derek Hatton & Associates Ltd) has the Liverpool city council in the past worked with this company?

5. Has the Liverpool city council ever been a client of (Derek Hatton & Associates Ltd)?

6. Hill Dickerson has a client (Mr. M. Guy) of West tree Estates, was this company awarded the land in and on 'Ducie Street' L8.

7. Has the Liverpool city council ever awarded any contracts or land to:

(a) West Tree Developments Ltd

(b) West Tree estates ltd?

8. Has the Liverpool city council kept all records of all meeting with Mr. M. Guy and the planning offices along with the Mayor (Joe Anderson)

9. Has the Mayor ever been to, Ducie Street L8 with Mr. M Guy and what was the reason for this?

Response:

Thank you for your recent request.

1. Any visitors to City Council premises are only permitted access in the event that a meeting – whether informal or informal – has been scheduled. In relation to specific appointments of individuals, the individual concerned is not a City Council employee or Elected Member and as such there is no reasonable expectation that their movements would be disclosed in response to requests for information. The remaining elements of this question constitute comment, speculation and opinion and are therefore not valid requests for information.

2. Liverpool City Council does not comment in relation to individual employees circumstances in the manner described.
3. Liverpool City Council does not comment in relation to the status of individuals as to do so would be contrary to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018.
4. Information in relation to organisations from which the City Council has sourced goods or services is already fully in the public domain and reasonably accessible to you. 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://liverpool.gov.uk/council/budgets-and-finance/transparency-in-local-government/>
Materials published via the above link are available in various formats capable of searching.
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6. The City Council does not ‘award’ land in the manner described. In the event that a physical asset is to be disposed of – whether via auction, advertisement or in response to a specific expression of interest, then this is undertaken in accordance with relevant Constitutional and legislative provisions. The ownership of land is a matter of public record and in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 we would refer you to HM Land Registry at –
<https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry>
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8. In the event of Applicants or Agents seeking to meet with representatives of the Planning Service, then records are retained.
9. Freedom of Information legislation relates to information held by public authorities and not the recollections of individuals.

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 1113. 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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