



Dear Mr Clarke,

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request received by the City Council on 12 December 2022. On behalf of the City Council, I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the late response. I am sorry the City Council did not respond to your request within 20 working days. I am grateful for your patience and hope that the delay in responding did not cause you too much inconvenience.

Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information -

Re: The letter to from LCC to Ms Erica Rushton, the Beautiful Ideas Company (North) CIC, 5th October 2016, granting a Licence between LCC and the Beautiful Ideas Company (BICO) to occupy and use the land at Walton Breck Road L4.

N.B. Due to LCC being forced by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) to publish previously unattainable internal audit reports, it is now public knowledge that, amongst many other 'questionable' practices revealed by these reports, that proper accounts and records were never kept by BICO and that full information relating to 'how BICO's funds were re-invested into pre-arranged activities for the benefit of the local community' was not given to LCC.

With reference to the above, I'd appreciate it if you could provide me with the following information:

- 1. Was LCC responsible for ensuring the terms of the licence were adhered to?*
- 2. Did those responsible for ensuring the terms of the licence were adhered to ensure clause 4 was adhered to?*
- 3. If the answer to question 2 is 'Yes': How did the person responsible for ensuring the terms of the licence were adhered to, ensure that clause 4 was adhered to?*
- 4. Can you please provide all emails, electronic and other correspondence between the person responsible for ensuring the terms of the licence were adhered to and BICO?*
- 5. If the answer to question 2 is 'No': Can you please explain why the person responsible for ensuring the terms of the licence were adhered to, didn't ensure clause 4 was adhered to?*

Response

I can confirm the following:

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. The information requested is publicly available. Information in respect of your request is published on the Liverpool City Council website via the following link - <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/bicoreports>
4. I refer you to point 3, above.
5. I refer you to point 2, above.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals, or complaints in respect of your request. You must submit these in writing to informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving this response. The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with this response. The City Council will look to provide a response within 40 days.

Should you remain dissatisfied following the City Council's internal review, you can refer the matter directly to the Information Commissioner.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO),
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Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
mail@ico.gov.uk (the ICO advise that this email is not secure)
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We trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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