



Dear Ms Li Wong

Freedom of Information Request 718665

Thank you for your recent request received 5 July 2019. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

1. A donation was made to the Garston and Halewood Labour Party by a company that is implicated in Liverpool Chinatown PHD1. April 2015

This £1,800 donation was made at the same time as decisions were being made about the development of Chinatown to be given to PHD1.

Ann O'Byrne was involved in the whole process and there are questions regarding the nature of her involvement.

In April 2015 Ann O'Byrne's daughter was a councillor in that constituency at the time.

The current party representatives in Halewood say they don't have the records so talk to central Labour party in London.

Maria Eagle MP for Garston and Halewood has passed this over to CLP London and cannot recall who took the £1,800 in cash from PHD1?

2. Was Cllr Gary Millar at the St James hotel in 2015 and on the same table as Cllr Ann O'Byrne and these persons from PHD1?

Anthony Quigley, Samuel Beilin, Peter McInnes, Lee James Spencer, Kevin Corish?

3. Was Cllr Gary Millar a part of the same group on this table and did he know that the £1,800 was to sponsor the guests at this table?

4. Was Cllr Gary Millar a guest of PHD1 ?

Response:

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows –

1. This element of your request is a statement and is therefore not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation. We would further advise that the City Council does not hold information with regard to political parties as these are third party organisations. We would advise you contact such organisations directly.
2. This information is not held by the City Council.
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4. Information as regards offers and invitations in respect of gifts, hospitality and events in respect of Elected Members are already in the public domain and reasonably accessible to you via the following weblink –

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)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely
Information Team