

**Enquiries to:** Information Team  
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**Liverpool  
City Council**

Dear Ms O'Keefe

### **Freedom of Information Request 576340**

Thank you for your request received 26 February 2018. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

*Could the City Council please provide information regarding all legal advice that has been instructed by the Council on behalf of suspended Chief Executive - GED Fitzgerald with respect to the ongoing Lancashire Police investigation (Operation Sheridan), further could they confirm if they have appointed a Barrister on his behalf, what Chambers have been approached and what financial cost has been incurred by the City Council on behalf of the suspended Chief Executive to date whilst in Police bail?*

### **Response:**

Liverpool City Council would advise that the Chief Executive continues to receive assistance in accordance with the provisions and terms of the Indemnity on an ongoing basis. The application of the Indemnity has been closely monitored and the benefit of it only given to the Chief Executive for legal representation where matters under discussion fall within the remit of his employment at Liverpool City Council. This is fully in accordance with the terms of the Indemnity. Given that this is an ongoing matter relating to legal proceedings and with regard to the remaining elements of your request, until such time as the process insofar as the use of the Indemnity is concerned, no costs are finalised and as such this information is not yet available for disclosure. Once the process is concluded and in accordance with Section 22 Freedom of Information Act 2000 this information will be published as part of data routinely disclosed by the City Council under the Transparency Code.

This concludes our response.

As we have not provided all of the information you have requested, in accordance with the application of Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are required to serve you with a section 17 notice for which this letter is intended.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk) and the postal address and telephone numbers are:-

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,  
Cheshire SK95AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113. Email –  
[mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk) (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

*A Lewis*

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