

Enquiries to: Information Team
Our Ref: FOI573333



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Dear Ms Mullen

Freedom of Information Request 573333

Thank you for your recent request received 6 February 2018. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

"In the Council meeting held in January 2018, Cllr Richard Kemp put the following written question to the Mayor:

"Would the Mayor please confirm that Mr Phil Halsall and Mr Ged Fitzgerald are council appointed directors of the Liverpool Arena Company. If this is the case would he inform the council why he considers this appropriate in the current legal circumstances?"

The Mayor's answer was as follows:

"Mr Halsall is not a director of Liverpool Arena and Convention Centre."

As Mayor Anderson will know the name - Liverpool Arena and Convention Centre was changed in June 2015 - to - ACC Liverpool Group Ltd. It is clear that it is the same company, and Mayor Anderson will be cognisant of that fact.

Please supply the following information:

[1] As Phil Halsall IS a director of ACC Liverpool Group Ltd please supply all the reasons why Mayor Anderson misinformed Council by stating that Mr Halsall was NOT a director of this company?

[2] Please supply all the reasons why Mayor Anderson failed to mention that Phil Halsall is also a director of ACC Liverpool Hotel Ltd when Cllr Kemp's question was obviously focused on the point that Phil Halsall is on police bail and was questioning the appropriateness of him being involved in LCC companies. This could be considered misinformation by omission"

Response:

Liverpool City Council would advise that –

1. The response provided by Mayor Anderson OBE was entirely correct. Mr Halsall resigned from this position in November 2017.
2. Councillor Kemp CBE asked a question and was provided with a factual response on this basis.

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.

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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)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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