

**Enquiries to:** Information Team  
**Our Ref:** FOI6131900

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**Liverpool  
City Council**

Dear Josie Mullen

**Freedom of Information Request 6131900**

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

*“[1] The fact that LCC was proposing to lend EFC circa £280,000 is already in the public domain - so please state how much LCC has lent EFC*

*[2] If LCC has not lent EFC any money, please confirm*

*[3] As the information relating to the legal bill of £709,000 is already in the public domain, please simply state if EFC has paid this bill yet*

*[4] As the information relating to the legal bill of £709,000 is already in the public domain, please simply state when EFC will be reimbursing LCC this sum of money - if EFC has not paid yet”*

**Response:**

By way of context and as you may well be aware, Liverpool City Council in common with all other public authorities in the UK, Europe and worldwide have, since March 2020, been dealing with and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic. The introduction of substantial Government restrictions well before the submission of your request have had wide reaching and ongoing impacts being felt across society. These impacts specifically affected all Service Areas of the City Council and include our ability to review records and extract data to comply with requests such as yours when Officer resource and personnel are diverted to supporting the most vulnerable residents of this city.

Specifically, direct impacts were and continue to be seen for the City Council in terms of staff absence due to symptoms of or self-isolation due to Coronavirus as well as significant and substantial increases in demand for those Services which specifically support children, the elderly and the most vulnerable residents across Liverpool.

In light of the above factors, Officers in increasing numbers assigned to different Service Areas to ensure continuity of service, provision and support for children, the elderly and the most vulnerable residents across Liverpool as indicated above.

This continues to impact on all areas of the City Council and specifically the ability of colleagues to identify, retrieve and collate information and to review records as opposed to ensuring continuity of service, provision and support for children, the elderly and the most vulnerable residents across Liverpool as indicated above.

With the above factors in mind, we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding for the delay on this occasion.

In relation to the specifics of your request, we would advise as follows –

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1. The City Council has not lent any monies for this purpose.
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3. The City Council and Everton Football Club are currently in commercially confidential negotiations regarding payment of fees back to the City Council.
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This concludes our response.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your request 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.

The Information Commissioner's website is [www.ico.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk) (they advise that their email is not secure)

We trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely  
**Liverpool City Council**