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11 July 2019

Dear Mr McNeive

**Freedom of Information Act Request – Staff with Criminal Convictions**

Thank you for your request for information received on 13 June 2019 addressed to the Port of Liverpool Police and sent to Peel Ports Marketing concerning:

“Subject: Freedom of Information request - Staff with Criminal Convictions

Dear Port of Liverpool Police,

1. How many people does your force have in each of the following roles:
  - a. Police Officer (Detective or Constable, including Specials)
  - b. PCSO
  - c. Other Police staff
2. How many staff have criminal convictions?
  - a. How many are Police Officers (Detective or Constable, including Specials)?
  - b. How many are PCSOs?
  - c. How many are other Police staff?
3. Please provide the following information for each conviction:
  - a. The person's role and/or rank
  - b. The offence
  - c. Whether the person received a custodial sentence (suspended or otherwise)
  - d. Whether the person was convicted before they joined the police”

Your request is being dealt with by The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Limited (“the Company”) under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOIA”).

The Company is only a public authority by virtue of Paragraph 64 of Schedule 1, Part V of the FOIA. As such, it is a public authority in respect of information relating to the exercise by any person appointed on its nomination of the functions of a special constable.

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In relation to your request, we would respond as follows using the same numbering as in your e-mail:

1. The Company would seek to withhold this information under section 31(1) (a) (b) of the FOIA in that disclosure of this information could be useful to would-be criminals in establishing the best times to carry out criminality with the lowest chance of being captured by a Company-appointed constable. Further the Company would contend that there is a very strong public interest in not providing such useful insights to criminals, and a comparatively weak public interest in disclosure. The applicant has not sought to make a 'public interest' argument to obtain this information.
2. None of the staff in the Port of Liverpool Police have any Criminal Convictions\*
3. N/A.

\*Does not include minor road traffic offences dealt with by way of fixed penalty notice.

If you are dissatisfied with the way the Company has handled your request for information under the Act, you can request a review by writing to: The Company Secretary, The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Limited, Maritime Centre, Port of Liverpool L21 1LA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right of appeal to the information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545 745  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making this appeal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Seli".

For and on behalf of The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Limited

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