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Dear Ms O'Keefe

### Freedom of Information Request 673273 – Internal Review

Thank you for your various emails in which you requested that the City Council undertake an Internal Review of the above information request. For purposes of clarity and context, your original request and our accompanying responses are summarised below as follows –

- “1 Who Commissioned the report*
- 2 Who Compiled the report*
- 3 Who gave Councillors permission for setting up the Companies*
- 4 Was there a comprehensive appraisal of the [due diligence] of the Companies*
- 5 What Social impact did the Company have on the area*
- 6 Are there going to be recommendations that the Councillors resign*
- 7 Will LCC forward the BIC report to the Police for a full investigation*
- 8 Do LCC think this is a total abuse of public money and total disregard for the communities of the Anfield areas*
- 9 Are the Grants and loans going to be repaid*
- 10 Why wasn't there proper auditing of public money*
- 11 Why was there lack of supervision of Public Money*
- 12 I require a full break down of the cost of the report I require all emails that went to and fro between councillors including Mayor Anderson and all outside bodies relating to The Bic Report.*

### Original Liverpool City Council Response –

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows –

1. The report was not commissioned or undertaken by Liverpool City Council so we therefore do not hold this information.
2. The report was not commissioned or undertaken by Liverpool City Council so we therefore do not hold this information.
3. A report setting out the process associated with the establishment of the Beautiful Ideas (North) Community Ideas Company was submitted to Cabinet at its meeting of 10 July 2015 which is already in the public domain and reasonably accessible to you via the following weblink –  
<http://councillors.liverpool.gov.uk/documents/s194228/Beautiful%20Ideas%20Company%20North%20Community%20Interest%20Company%20EES1.pdf>
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5. The City Council does not have control or management of the CIC and as such does not hold such information. We would advise you submit this element of your request directly to the organisation concerned.
6. The report was not commissioned or undertaken by Liverpool City Council and as such it is not a matter for the City Council.
7. The report was not commissioned or undertaken by Liverpool City Council and as such it is not a matter for the City Council as regards any actions its authors may choose to propose or undertake.
8. The City Council does not have control or management of the CIC and as such does not hold information as regards its activities. The remaining element of this question is seeking expressions of opinion, comment and speculation to which Freedom of Information legislation does not extend to require us to do.
9. This is not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation, which relates to information held and not speculation or comment.
10. This is not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation.
11. This is not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation.
12. No such correspondence is extant on City Council systems as the report was not commissioned or produced by the City Council.

### **Internal Review**

The basis upon which you have requested an Internal Review be undertaken was as follows  
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*On Twitter, Cllr Richard Kemp CBE Lib Dem posted the following tweet 8:14 AM - 22 Apr 2019*

*I have been reassured that the council investigation into the potential match day car parking irregularities in North Liverpool are almost complete. I suspect that it will not be released until after the elections but I do understand that it has been rigorous.*

*Due to the public statement made by Cllr Kemp and your response please pass this to the person who conducts the internal reviews*

*"The City Council is the financial body that supports the CIC & other Clc's, they wouldn't exist as a sole entity, as the funding they receive is public funding!"*

*Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.*

*I am writing to request an internal review of Liverpool City Council's handling of my FOI request 'The BIC Report/Coming Home Company'.*

*<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/t...>*

*A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: <https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/t...>*

## Review Outcome

The grounds upon which you have requested an Internal Review be conducted are not immediately apparent or unclear however these appear to relate to the fact that the City Council, as is a matter of public record, has provided funding to the CIC organisation to which your original request related.

We would advise that notwithstanding the fact that the City Council has provided funding to the CIC in question and has, further to comments made by Councillor Richard Kemp CBE, conducted its own Internal Audit investigations the content of which not having been the subject of any Freedom of Information request, we would again confirm that the report to which you refer was and remains an external report that was not commissioned or requested by the City Council and as such we do not offer comment as to its content thereof.

With regard to the report produced by the City Council's Internal Audit Service, as referenced above, we would advise that were requests to be received for this information then these would be considered in light of the provisions of Section 43(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000 which provides an exemption for commercial and financial information and also Section 31 (1) (a to c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, insofar as any disclosure may be prejudicial to the activities of investigative and enforcement agencies.

Your request for a review is therefore not upheld

This concludes our Internal Review process on this matter.

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:- Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. 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  
**Information Team**