



Derry City & Strabane  
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Ref: FOI / 2189

10 December 2018

Mr  
Logic Explorer

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Dear Mr Doyle

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Elected members expenses**

I refer to your FOI request and advise the information requested is held by Derry City and Strabane District Council. Please see information below and attached in response.

#### **Request:**

1. A breakdown of all expenses, allowances and costs paid to elected members since their election.
2. A breakdown of all councillor attendance rates including on subcommittees
3. A vote record of all councillors on setting the district rate
4. Since 2014, a breakdown of the increase or decrease in the district rate set by council and the monetary value of the increase/decrease for an average ratepayer.

#### **Response:**

1. Please see attachments App1 – App7 detailing expenses, allowances and costs along with Local Government Circulars outlining councillor allowances since 2015.
2. Details on Councillor attendance at Council Meetings and Meetings of Council Committees can be found on the Council's website at:  
<http://meetings.derrycityandstrabanedistrict.com/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx>. Council does not operate any Sub Committees.
3. The Vote on the Striking of the Rate 2018/2019 was taken at the Special Meeting of Council held on 5 February 2018. The outcome of the vote was:

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Number For – 26 and Number Against 13. This was not a recorded vote so the names of those Councillors voting for or against is not available.

4. Please see attached excel spreadsheet App 8.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer**

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App1 – Expenses 15.16  
App2 – Expenses 16.17  
App3 – Expenses 17.18  
App4 - LG Circular 15  
App5 – LG Circular 16  
App6 – LG Circular 17  
App7 – LG Circular 18  
App8 - Rates


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