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Ref: FOI / 1772

01 May 2018

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Email: @teneointel.onmicrosoft.com

Dear Mr

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Grounds maintenance and Landscaping**

I refer to your FOI request and advise on reviewing your request Council considers it appropriate it is dealt with by the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and not by the Freedom of Information Act. These Regulations deal with right of access to environmental information held by UK public authorities and grounds maintenance and landscaping fall into this category.

#### **Request:**

1. How much did your organisation spend on grounds maintenance & landscaping services in 2017?
  - a. If 2017 calendar year is unavailable, please state for most recent 12-month period where data is available.

**Response: Please see attached. Overall net Expenditure of £1,814,453, which includes £15,966 of spending charged directly to other cost centres. Period covered - April 2016 to March 2017 for Grounds Maintenance**

- b. Where spend is part of a broader multi-service contract, please provide an estimate of spend on grounds maintenance and landscaping services only

**Response: N/A**

2. How much of this spend was directed to outsourced service providers?

**Response: This spend is included in the £15,966 figure.**

3. Where spend is outsourced, and for all contracts where spend is larger than £20k:
  - a. Who currently provides your grounds maintenance and landscaping services?

**Response: In- house for Grounds Maintenance, various Landscape contractors for larger Landscaping contracts**

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- b. What other services (besides grounds maintenance and landscaping, if any) are included in the contract?  
**Response: None**
- c. What is the total annual value of the contract (for all services provided)?  
**Response: Grounds Maintenance 2016-17 £1,814,453.  
Landscaping 2017-18 £76,000**
- d. When did the contract start?  
**Response: Grounds Maintenance 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
Landscaping 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017-31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**
- e. When does this contract end?  
**Response: As above**
- f. Who provided you with these services prior to the start of this current contract?  
**Response: Has always been in-house for Grounds Maintenance.  
Various landscaping contractors for Capital Spend on Landscaping**

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  
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CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Grounds Maint. Parks & Cemeteries Manager**



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