



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle
**Chathair Dhoire &
Cheantar an tSratha Báin**
Derry Cittie & Stràbane
Deistrick Council

Ref: FOI / 1710

23 March 2018

Mr
Senior Journalist
Belfast News Letter
Email: @newsletter.co.uk

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Irish language & Ulster Scots language

I refer to your FOI request as outlined below:

Request:

Please advise for each of the last three complete financial years how much your authority has spent, both internally and externally relating to;-

- 1) Irish language eg training, celebration, education, literature, events, translation, salaries for specialist officers
- 2) Irish culture, eg dancing, music, parades, bands and other arts, festivals etc
- 3) Ulster Scots language eg training, celebration, education, literature, events, translation salaries for specialist officers
- 4) Ulster Ulster Scots culture, eg dancing, music, parades, bands and other arts, festivals etc

Please include all expenditure on council signage in council buildings, on vehicles, street signs, stationary etc

Please include all grants made to external organisations

Please give details of every item, including cost, nature of item and date.

Response:

Please find attached spreadsheet outlining Financial Information that Council has available. It should be noted that it can be difficult in terms of cultural events to

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explicitly define 'Irish Culture' and 'Ulster-Scots Culture' as they can be subjective definitions and there is a considerable amount of integration and overlap between both areas.

Further to your request for Council to provide details of all expenditure on council signage in council buildings, on vehicles, street signs, stationary etc, Council seeks clarification as to the exact nature of the information you require? Eg is your request in respect of the 4 questions of your query where language is used on said formats, or is the information you require in to all Council spend in these areas? Councils deadline has frozen in respect of this clarification request on this issue.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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