



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
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Derry Cittie & Strabane
Destrack Council

Ref: EIR / 2136

14 November 2018

Ms
Email @gmail.com

Dear Ms

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Spend on Parks & Open Spaces 2008-2017

I refer to your EIR request and would advise Derry City and Strabane District Council was formed under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 effective 1 April 2015 and replaces the former councils of Strabane District Council and Derry City Council. Please note, in line with the Council's financial reporting requirements since the inception of Derry City and Strabane District Council on 1 April 2015, information is provided for the following periods:

1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016
1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017
1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

Request:

1. What was the council's income from council tax?
2. How much funding from other sources (Central Government, Lottery or similar) did the Council receive specifically to invest in parks and open spaces?
3. How much money did the council spend on improving and maintaining parks and open spaces?

Response:

1. As previously advised, Council Tax is not applicable in Northern Ireland. Further guidance on the [role of local authorities](#) within Northern Ireland and other statutory partners is available on the Northern Ireland one stop government portal: [NIDirect](#).

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2. Figures below refer to amounts the Council actually received during each of the financial years. This does not include Letters of Offer received in each financial year for which funds will be drawn down in subsequent periods. Please also note that some project funding will have been received for a large scale project within a park which may include play elements.

15/16: £1,560,729

16/17: £760,895

17/18: £662,819

3. Capital expenditure on improving parks and open spaces:

15/16: £6,476,741

16/17: £5,865,858

17/18: £1,357,562

Revenue expenditure on parks and open spaces:

15/16: £2,086,512

16/17: £1,785,982

17/18: £2,105,978

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
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CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: 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

Head of Environment