

Ref: FOI / 1969

27 July 2018

Mr Email: @live.co.uk

Dear Mr Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Weare2023 Bid

I refer to your FOI request as above, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, on the total amount spent by the city council and Belfast City Council on the bid to be European Capital of Culture in 2023.

The Councils approved a joint budget of £800,000 for Stage 1 (£500,000 by Belfast City Council and £300,000 by Derry City and Strabane District Council) and have spent £344,658.

The breakdown of that cost is as follows:

Stage 1 Expenditure to 23 November 2017

Project Delivery, Management and Governance	£ 35,982
Civic and Business Engagement	99,944
Communication and Marketing	65,529
European Cultural Programme Development	67,668
Bid Book Development and Presentation	75,535

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Total 344,658

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 **BT48 7NN** Derry 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: <u>casework@ico.org.uk</u>

Yours sincerely Head of Culture

Derry Strabane

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