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Ref: EIR / 2227

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Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000/Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Request Dog Warden

I refer to your FOI/EIR request and advise the requested information is held by Derry City & Strabane District Council.

Request:

- Number of Dog Wardens (DWs) employed by Derry & Strabane District Council (DSDC)
Response: 4 Dog Wardens and 1 Manager
- Annual Salary Band of Dog Wardens for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: 2015-2016 2016-2017 2017-2018
Scale 4, Scale 5 and SO1 Scale 5 and SO1 Scale 5, SO1 and PO5
Total budget for 2018/19 - £131,600
- Additional wages e.g. overtime for same DWs for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: £21,469 approx. (Gross) from 1/4/15 – 31/3/18.
One warden participates on On-Call Rota: Weekly £102 pw
- Number of Park Wardens (PWs) employed by Derry & Strabane District Council (DSDC)
Response: 4 full-time wardens and 2 part-time wardens
- Annual Salary Band of Park Wardens for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: 2015-2016 2016-2017 2017-2018
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(minimum paid living wage foundation rate)

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- Cost of managing this team of DW's eg manager/Admin Staff allocated to this team.
Response: 2018: 1 Manager PO5 £55,700, 1 Admin (FTE) Sc6 £33,700
- Cost of managing this team of PW's eg manager/Admin Staff allocated to this team.
Response: Overheads when allocated (stopped 2016-17 – change in accounting policy) were between £10k to £12k per annum.
- Number of vehicles allocated to DWs
Response: 4
- Cost of outright purchase or annual leasing cost of vehicles for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: No vehicles purchased in timespan
- Cost of maintaining vehicles including fuel costs for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: Please see table attached.
- Cost of street cleansing due to dog fouling on an annual basis from 2015 to 2018 inclusive ie number of incidents reported where staff wher called out to clean up after dog fouling multiplied by time/salary/cost of vehicle etc. General figure.
Response: Information not gathered.
- Cost of disposal of dog fouling to land fill on an annual basis from 2015 to 2018 inclusive.
Response:

Dog Waste	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Totals
Dog Waste Bins-Buy	10,668.40	22,556.00	4,862.80	7,480.00	45,567.20
Dog Waste Bins-Repairs	2,789.25	5,171.26	2,403.84	2,440.86	12,805.21
Empty Dog Bins	57,391.38	61,792.00	75,562.00	93,132.50	287,877.88
Dog Foul Disposal	5,761.46	8,074.19	11,789.60	14,763.75	40,389.00
Totals	76,610.49	97,593.45	94,618.24	117,817.11	386,639.29

- Number of fines issued by DSDC DWs broken down by category, area eg Strabane/Derry (e.g. fouling/straying) for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: DAERA Council Dog Summary Statistics April –September 2018 Statistics for 2017 also available on this web link <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/council-dog-summary-statistics>
- Number of Court Cases instigated by DSDC DWs for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive broken down by category, area eg Strabane/Derry
Response: DAERA Council Dog Summary Statistics April –September 2018 Statistics for 2017 also available on this web link <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/council-dog-summary-statistics>

- Cost of these Court Cases if applicable for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive broken down by category, area eg Strabane/Derry
Response: Please see attached table
- Money recovered from defendants to help cover the costs of these cases if applicable for years 2015 – 2018 inclusive
Response: Please see attached table
- Number of complaints from the public in regards dog fouling, dog straying etc (broken down by category, area eg Strabane/Derry)
Response: DAERA Council Dog Summary Statistics April –September 2018 Statistics for 2017 also available on this web link <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/council-dog-summary-statistics>
- Was Temporary CCTV introduced by DSDC on a trial basis? What area was this trial completed?
Response: Yes. Mobile CCTV cameras continue to be used
- If "Yes" can a breakdown of costs be provided for this trial?
Response: No
- Can an evaluation report (if it exists) be provided of the trial and the outcomes and recommendations?
Response: Although no offences witnessed, the cameras and associated signage are believed to be a deterrent and continue to be used across the council area.
- Has the CCTV trial been extended?
Response: Yes, please see above.
- If "Yes" can a breakdown of costs be provided for this and a list of areas where it has been extended to?
Response: The cameras are installed by council staff during operational duties and they are used throughout the council area
- Has a feasibility study been completed on the DNA profiling of dogs in the district?
Response: No
- If "Yes" could I receive a copy of the study please?
Response: N/A
- If "No" why not?
Response: This has not been deemed necessary.
- Are there plans for DSDC to introduce a DNA database for dogs in the district area?
Response: No

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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
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Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystرابane.com

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

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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

FOI Team