



Derry Cittie & Stràbane Destrick Cooncil

Ref: FOI / 1350

11 July 2017

Mr Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Spend on External Law Firms & **Barristers**

I refer to your FOI request:

"I would like to know the amount of money the council spent on the services of external law firms and barristers in the last years (year ending March 31 2017). If this is not possible within the restrictions of the Freedom of Information Act, one year of data will suffice."

Response:

Council would inform you that on the 1st of April 2015 Local Government in Northern Ireland underwent reform and a new council of Derry City and Strabane District Council was formed from legacy councils of Derry City Council and Strabane District Council. The figures provided for year end 2015 are those for the former Derry City Council and years 2016 and 2017 are for Derry City and Strabane District Council as follows:

- Year end 2015 £52,466.44
- Year end 2016 £64,313.87
- Year end 2017 £34,239.51

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

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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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