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Ref: EIR / 2206

20 December 2018

Mr  
Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Dog Fouling costs**

I refer to your EIR request and advised the requested information is held by Derry City and Strabane District Council.

#### **Request**

Please disclose the following for each year from 2015 to present:

1. The number of fines issued for dog fouling; the cost of a single fine; and the overall cost of the fines.

**Response:**

Single cost fine is £80. If paid within 14 days, the fine will be reduced to £50.

2015 is 0

2016 is 1 and £50

2017 is 6 and £250.00

2018 to date is 5 and £200

2. The amount spent on council advertising (e.g. billboards, newspaper ads, posters, online, etc) warning against dog fouling; and please provide a brief description of what the ad campaign entailed.

**Response:** Unfortunately due to the nature of Council's coding system we are unable to provide a break down figure for the amount spent on council advertising that included dog fouling. The Dog control department has financed signage, leaflets, posters, educational programmes, dog fouling litter bags and CCTV in order to combat fouling and promote responsible dog ownership.

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As you are aware, Section 12(1) of the FOIA contains a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit. For local authorities, this limit is set at £450 - The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 SI 2004 No 3244 refers.

This request would require the Council to perform manual search of all its invoices for the dog control service and extract information specifically related to dog fouling. Whilst it is not possible to produce an accurate estimate of the amount of time such an exercise would take, it is likely to be in the hundreds of hours, well in excess of the 18 hours stipulated in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This therefore acts as a Refusal Notice for this information.

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  
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Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto: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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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto: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 Health & Community Wellbeing**