

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

Comhairle **Chathair Dhoire &** Cheantar an tSratha Báin

Derry Cittie & Stràbane Destrick Cooncil

Ref: FOI / 935

09 November 2016

Mr

Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Spend on services of external law firms and barristers

I refer to your FOI request as above. Please note that Derry City and Strabane District Council was formed under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 effective 1 April 2015 following a Review of Public Administration and replaces the former councils of Derry City Council and Strabane District Council. Requests made to the legacy councils since 1 April 2015 are being handled by Derry City and Strabane District Council and duplicate requests made to the legacy councils are being treated as one request.

The attached spreadsheet details all payments made to external legal advisors who have provided services to DCSDC for the period 1st April 2015 to September 2016. Payments are for provision of advices and, where required representation in court.

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 Wilmslow

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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