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Ref: FOI / 1952

15 August 2018

Ms  
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Ballymagroarty  
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Email: @yahoo.co.uk

Dear Ms

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Council Member procedures**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. Reports and documents held by Derry City and Strabane District Council on Alderman Derek Hussey in relation to his criminal convictions

**Response:**

There are no reports or documents held in relation to Ald. Hussey's convictions

2. All procedures undertaken by the Council since his arrest on the 16th of September 2015

**Response:**

Not applicable – no procedures undertaken

3. Any reports by Alderman Hussey that he himself has made to Council in this matter

**Response:**

No reports submitted

4. All documents in relation to any actions taken by the Council in this matter since the arrest date.

**Response:**

Not applicable – no action taken

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5. The policy that the Council use for Councillors in relation to drink driving convictions in terms of investigation and any alcohol awareness/ road safety training undertaking requirements following on from that.

**Response:**

The Council does not have a policy for Councillors. Complaints in respect of Councillors are handled via the Local Government Commissioner for Standards.

Please see Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors at

<https://nipso.org.uk/nilgcs/>

Please also see a link to the Northern Ireland Public Services Office complaints process:

<https://nipso.org.uk/nipso/making-a-complaint/how-do-i-make-a-complaint-to-nipso>

6. Any letter/document that has been sent to or from the legal team at Derry City and Strabane City Council in relation to having a triple convicted drink driver, who is still fulfilling an order of the Court, in such a senior civic position given the requirement to work in partnership with all stakeholders of road safety and the Council now not fulfilling it's role as having a zero-tolerance approach to road safety which has been signed up to by all Councils in the UK.

**Response:**

No letters/ documents have been sent

7. A copy of the Councils letter to Ulster Unionist Leader leader Robin Swann as referred to in the Council minutes of Thursday the 28th of June 2018 and any reply that the Council received.

**Response:**

Attached at Appendix 1. There has been no response to date.

8. A copy of the letter read out to Council during the meeting on the 28th of June from Robin Swann in relation to Alderman Hussey's stepping down from the post of PCSP Chair

**Response:**

Letter attached as Appendix 2 appropriately redacted under General Data Protection Regulations regarding personal information.

9. Correspondence held by Derry City and Strabane District Council received by yourself from any Councillor following the meeting on Thursday 28th of June addressing the matter of the Deputy Mayors position and any replies

**Response:**

No correspondence received.

10. A list of the engagements that have been undertaken by Alderman Hussey as Deputy Mayor including any pending engagements he is proposed to attend

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representing Council in this role for the remainder of his proposed term as Deputy Mayor.

**Response:**

Attached at Appendix 3.

11. A copy of the complaints procedure for Derry City and Strabane District Council

**Response:**

Attached at Appendix 4

12. A copy of all road safety policies/procedures/events/projects that the Council undertake currently or propose to undertake during the current term in which Alderman Hussey is Deputy Mayor.

**Response:**

There are no specific policies procedures or strategies however Road Safety is a priority for the Derry and Strabane PCSP and Council support our partners in emergency services (PSNI, NIFRS and NIAS) to raise awareness of road safety issues especially among younger drivers/road users.

Most recently the PCSP worked with Enagh Youth Forum and Sustrans to deliver cycling proficiency training to 10 children in the Strathfoyle area (18 July).

We are also working with the Melmount and East Bank Resident's Assoc. to deliver a Community Safety Day at Melvin, Strabane on 29th August. Part of the event is the re-enactment of a road traffic collision by emergency services.

The PCSP also engages regularly with local schools on the issue of road safety in relation to inconsiderate parking and 'be safe, be seen'.

As Alderman Hussey is no longer a member of the Derry and Strabane PCSP, he will not be invited to attend these events although he may attend as a councillor

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:

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98 Strand Road

Derry BT48 7NN Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)



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

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

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CHESHIRE SK9 5AF 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

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