



Ref: FOI / 2203

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Consumables Mayor's events and Council Meetings

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request:

1. The total Cost of Purchasing Alcohol for the Mayor's Parlour for 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and so far this financial year 2018/19.
2. The total cost of alcohol purchased for events in the Guildhall for Council events inc. the Mayors Ball.
3. The total cost of food (inc. snacks) provided at council meetings/events (not just meetings of elected members) where those attending did not pay for admittance.

Addendum received 26 November

4. Can I get an inventory and the cost of any drinks orders to the mayor's parlour as well?

Response:

1. 2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 (to date)
£20,804.84	£5,380.57	£8,183.04	£7,462.91

The above costs are associated with the many events hosted by the Mayor including Mayoral receptions, Mayoral initiatives and official and courtesy visits.

2. 2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 (to date)
£2,911.08	£9,150.10	£2,616.81	£4,908.82

It is important to note however that the above costs for drinks bought for the Guildhall are resold at a profit to Council and therefore are not a cost to Council.

3. (i) 2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 (to date)
£23,928.95	£28,867.74	£29,165.30	£27,445.97

The costs provided above are associated with the many events hosted by the Mayor including Mayoral Receptions, Mayoral Initiatives, official and courtesy visits and the numerous meetings which are arranged or hosted by the Mayor.

(ii) 2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 (to date)
£4,328.36	£3,692.85	£6,163.65	£2,118.26

The above costs relate to catering associated with the monthly Council and Committee meetings, and departmental meetings

NB: Please note, the costs provided for (3) above relate to the Democratic Services section only, ie Mayoral and Member Services.

4. I can confirm that the cost of drinks for the Mayors Parlour is contained in (1) above.

Reference your additional request for an inventory of all drinks orders, this cannot be accommodated as due to the mechanism of our coding system, it would involve an inordinate amount of time to process requiring the manual extraction of details on every single invoice over the specified period. 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.

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

CHESHIRE SK9 5AF 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

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