

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

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

Derry Cittie & Stràbane

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Ref: FOI / 861

26 October 2016

Mr

Bauer Radio Ltd

Email: @downtown.co.uk

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Cost of Entertaining, Photography, Transport/travel 15/16 year

I refer to your FOI request as above.

- How much money has been spent by the council on refreshments both 1. food and drink – for councillors in the last year. Response: Council has spent £4,328.36 on refreshments for Councillors in the past financial year 2015/2016. It is not possible to break this down between Tea, Coffee, Biscuits etc., as the prices quoted usually cover both elements
- 2. How much money has been spent on hosting and entertaining guests and dignitaries in the last year. Response: Council has spent a total of £68,433.72 on receptions etc. for dignitaries, guests, Groups honoured by the Council in the past financial year 2015/2016. This includes £40,930.64 on Food & Drink, £27,168.08 on
 - Gifts and £335 on Entertainment. How much money has been spent on photography/hiring photographers
 - in the last year. Response: Council has spent £33,618.48 on photography/hiring photographers in the past financial year 2015/2016.

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4. How much money has been spent on transport/travel in the last year. – Response: Council has spent a total of £409,948.58 on transport/travel in the past financial year 2015/2016. This includes mileage payments for Members/Staff, Bus Fares, Taxi costs, Air Travel etc.

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

Lead Finance Officer