



Ref: FOI / 5762

17th June 2025

Email:

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Mayor's Ball Price Breakdown

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. A breakdown of the full cost of hosting the 2025 Mayor's Ball

Please see the information displayed in the table below.

Please note that the price for the Everglades Hotel* included VIP drinks reception, general drinks reception, canapes at VIP Reception, 5 course dinner, 2 bottles of wine on each table, room hire, 2 x complimentary rooms including breakfast.

Item	Cost
Everglades Hotel*	£14,141.20 + £2,340 sponsorship
Band	£1,000
DJ + PA System	£1,169
Harpist	£100
Jazz Band	£100
Print Items	£363
Photographer (VIP Reception)	£290
Photographer (General)	£200
Total (net of sponsorship)	£19,703.20 - £2,340 = £17,363.20

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2. Of this, please specify how much is being paid to the Everglades Hotel for hosting the event

- Derry City & Strabane District Council invoiced for £14,141.20.
- Private sponsor donated £2,340 (Paid directly to the hotel).

3. A comparative breakdown of costing for the 2023 and 2024 Mayor's Balls

Item	2023 Ball	2024 Ball
Guildhall Hire	£1,200	£1,200
Catering	£7,351.50	£10,541.25
Band	£1,200	£1,000
Cello Music	£350	£350
Printed Items	£135	£175
Flowers	£400	£400
Photographer	£240	£240
Sparkling wine reception	£300	£300
Wine on tables	£250	£250
Total	£11,426.50	£14,456.25

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 however advise that 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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