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Ref: FOI / 6514

10th July 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Pride in Place Programme

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request

I am a researcher at the Fairness Foundation, a registered charity conducting analysis of the Pride in Place Programme and its capacity to build lasting local wealth in town communities. I am sending identical requests to all councils in receipt of Phase 1 Pride in Place funding.

Please provide the following information in relation to your local authority area:

A. PROCUREMENT SPEND 2024–25

1. The total value of contracts and purchase orders issued by the council in the financial year 2024–25, provided as a line-by-line dataset including:

    - Supplier name
    - Supplier postcode or registered address
    - Contract or order value (£)
    - Spend category or department

If a complete line-by-line dataset is not available, please provide the total procurement spend broken down by whether each supplier's registered postcode falls within your local authority boundary.

B. ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

1. A complete list of all Assets of Community Value nominations received since the Localism Act 2011 came into force, including:

    - Asset name and address
    - Date of nomination
    - Nominating organisation
    - Whether the nomination was accepted or rejected, and the reason
    - Date of listing (if listed)
    - Current status (active / expired / delisted)
    - Whether a community interest to bid was triggered during the moratorium period, and the outcome of that process

C. VACANT UNIT DATA

1. Any data or surveys held by the council on retail or commercial vacancy rates on the principal high street(s) in your Pride in Place area in the past five years, including:

    - Any surveys conducted as part of the Pride in Place programme, High Street Taskforce work, or Business Improvement District returns
    - The name of the high street(s) surveyed and the dates of any surveys

Please also confirm whether a Business Improvement District (BID) operates in your Pride in Place area, and if so, provide its name.

D. HIGH STREET RENTAL AUCTIONS AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

1. Details of any High Street Rental Auctions initiated under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 in your local authority area, including:

    - Property address
    - Date initiated
    - Outcome

2. Details of any Compulsory Purchase Orders confirmed or currently in progress in the past five years relating to town centre, high street, or commercial property, including:

    - Property address or area
    - Purpose of the CPO
    - Current status

If no High Street Rental Auctions or Compulsory Purchase Orders of this type have been used, please confirm this is the case.

Response

Please be advised:

- The Council has not issued any contracts or purchase orders in respect of Pride in Place during the financial year 2024/25;

- No assets of Community Value nominations have been received;

- No data or surveys were carried out by council on retail or commercial vacancy rates on the principal high street(s) in our Pride in Place area. This data can be accessed by Councils as required from Land & Property Services who have responsibility for rating policy and collection of rates in Northern Ireland;

- No High Street Rental Auctions were initiated under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 in our local authority area.

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.