

Ref: FOI / 6260

02nd March 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Spend on Pavements, Public Realm Repairs and Potholes

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information broken down by calendar year for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 January 2026 (or the most recent complete month for which figures are available):

1. The total annual spend on repairs to pavements and footways, including repairs to potholes and other surface defects on pavements and footways, within your local authority area.
2. The total annual spend on public realm repairs relating to paved or hard-surface areas in parks and other public open spaces (for example: patios, paved seating areas, plazas, hard-landscaped play or recreation areas, and similar).
3. The total annual spend on repairs to potholes and other surface defects on carriageways (road surfaces used by vehicles) within your local authority area, over the same period.
4. If available, a breakdown of the spend in items (1), (2) and (3) by type of repair or work carried out (for example: routine/reactive repairs, programmed resurfacing or replacement schemes, trip-hazard works, accessibility improvements, and similar categories used in your asset management or finance systems).

For the purposes of this request, I am interested only in works to paved or hard-surface areas (for example slabs, blocks, asphalt, setts and similar), not soft

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landscaping. This includes both footways/pavements and carriageways as defined in your highways policies.

Response

Please see maintenance works completed for Public Realm in relation to hard surfaces within council property/ownership for 22/23/25 in the table below and note that this does not include any Capital Schemes in relation to Public Realm.

Total annual spend on public realm repairs relating to paved or hard-surface areas in parks and other public open spaces (for example: patios, paved seating areas, plazas, hard-landscaped play or recreation areas, and similar			
Year	Works Detail	Description	Costs
21/22	War Memorial – Public Realm	Replace defective paver.	£281.57
22/23	Public Realm Works	lift out 2 no tree base surrounds. Adjust pavers and levels then fit surrounds back into place before lasting resins bond gravel to leave area safe.	£600.00
24/25	Public Realm Works	Re-set 3no tree surrounds at Guildhall and 1no at Waterloo Place.	£1,365.00

Please note that DfI are the competent authority with NI for public road and adopted surfaces and may hold additional information regarding this request. Please see the details below:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/public-access-information>

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
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystرابane.com

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

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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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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Head of Environment & Building Control