Derry City & Strabane
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Ref: FOI / 6469

09th July 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - External Consultant Spend 2025 / 2026

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request

1. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from your organisation:

2. How much money was spent by the authority on external consultants in the financial year 2025/26?

Response

Please see the information requested attached.

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

Alfie Dallas
Lead Finance Officer

FOI 6469 - CONSULTANTS FEES 2025/2026

DETAILS	COSTS	SUPPLIER
HR Support Chief Executive Strategic Review	£1,430.12	WORKFOLK LTD
Conservation Engineering Report - Pump Street Derry	£2,907.50	DESIGN ID CONSULTING LTD
Shared Environmental Services Charges re Planning Issues	£1,905.50	MID AND EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL
Mediation for Building Control Team	£1,049.70	HEADS TOGETHER CONSULTING LTD
Newtownstewart Town Centre Car Parking Capacity Study	£13,470.00	JNP GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS BELFAST LTD
Professional Services re Prospecting Licence Consultation	£3,500.00	MINERAL AND RESOURCE PLANNING ASSOCIATES LTD
Optimum Remediation Strategy Mobouy Waste Site	£58,383.86	AECOM LTD
Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice/Expenses	£5,008.27	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD
Development of Partnership Agreement for Digital Innovation Hub	£2,500.00	FEARON CONSULTING
Support Service Outline Business Case Digital Innovation Hub	£4,675.00	JETTORA LIMITED
Review of Arts & Culture Strategy & Action Plan	£2,418.75	LARA GOODALL
Cultural Brand & Marketing Brand Update	£315.00	CREATIVE NRG T/A MCCADDEN
Development of Options for NWCI Operation going forward	£1,800.00	ENTERPRISE NORTH WEST
North West Audience Development Plan	£6,498.00	THRIVE
Profile Content re Strabane bid for UK Town of Culture	£325.00	THRIVE
Inspection Survey & Report Southern Stand Seating - Brandywell Stadium	£500.00	K2 DESIGN
FIFA Quality Re-test 3G Pitch Brandywell Stadium	£2,490.00	SPORTS LABS LTD
Inspection Survey & Report - Brandywell Stadium	£1,200.00	K2 DESIGN
Child Friendly Mapping Report with 8 Local Community Growth Partnership Boards	£12,000.00	NW YOUTH SERVICES LTD
Creggan Burn Park Masterplan	£7,680.00	McCLOY CONSULTING LTD
Lead Consultant & GI Services Creggan Burn Park	£8,000.00	McCLOY CONSULTING LTD
Culmore Country Park to Canning's Lane Greenway Route Option Appraisal	£7,645.00	MCADAM DESIGN LTD
Bi-Annual Play Areas Inspections - Derry Cityside & Waterside	£3,320.02	PLAY SERVICES IRELAND LIMITED
Invasive Species Assessments	£9,649.50	AXION SOLUTIONS LTD
Sustainable Development - Accelerating Action Bespoke Plan	£1,000.00	ACCELERATING ACTION LTD
Consultation Work on Innovate UK Programme	£6,306.07	YOUR CLIMATE STRATEGY LTD
TOTAL PAYMENTS 2025/2026	**£165,977.29**	

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Cost Centre	Cost Centre (T)	Detail Code	Detail Code (T)	TT	TransNo	Trans.date	Period	Text	Amount	Ap/Ar ID (T)	InvoiceNo
0015	CORPORATE MANAGEMENT	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30492732	04/08/2025	202605	HR Support Chief Executive Strategic Review	1,430.12	WORKFOLK LTD	INV-0059
0015	**CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**								**1,430.12**		
0071	PLANNING - DC&SDC	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30502798	11/11/2025	202611	Conservation Engineering Report - Pump Street Derry	2,907.50	DESIGN ID CONSULTING LTD	13234
0071	**PLANNING - DC&SDC**								**2,907.50**		
0072	PLANNING - LDP	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30492991	01/08/2025	202605	Shared Environmental Services Charges re Plainng Issues	1,905.50	MID AND EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL	12023143
0072	**PLANNING - LDP**								**1,905.50**		
0075	BUILDING CONTROL	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30502739	22/01/2026	202611	Mediation for Building Control Team	1,049.70	HEADS TOGETHER CONSULTING LTD	I031763
0075	**BUILDING CONTROL**								**1,049.70**		
0090	URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30492953	29/07/2025	202605	Newtownstewart Town Centre Car Parking Capacity Study	4,688.00	JNP GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS BELFAST LTD	NI50006
0090	URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30496217	23/09/2025	202607	Newtownstewart Town Centre Car Parking Capacity Study	4,688.00	JNP GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS BELFAST LTD	NI50013
0090	URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30501625	30/11/2025	202610	Newtownstewart Town Centre Car Parking Capacity Study	1,750.00	JNP GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS BELFAST LTD	NI50019
0090	URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30507778	31/03/2026	202612	Newtownstewart Town Centre Car Parking Capacity Study	2,344.00	JNP GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS BELFAST LTD	NI50036
0090	**URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION**								**13,470.00**		
0100	ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30487846	12/05/2025	202602	Professional Services re Prospecting Licence Consultation	3,500.00	MINERAL AND RESOURCE PLANNING ASSOCIATES LTD	DCS
0100	**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION**								**3,500.00**		
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30493635	13/08/2025	202606	Optimum Remediation Strategy Mobouy Waste Site	35,030.32	AECOM LTD	28600090
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30496199	25/09/2025	202607	Optimum Remediation Strategy Mobouy Waste Site	23,353.54	AECOM LTD	28603435
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36130	CONSULTANTS EXPENSES	AP	30489003	29/05/2025	202603	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Expenses	249.72	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV11290
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30496912	29/09/2025	202607	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	1,917.50	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV11736
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30498678	30/10/2025	202608	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	767.00	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV11886
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30498679	30/10/2025	202608	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Expenses	156.55	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV11897
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30500618	28/11/2025	202609	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	383.50	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV12027
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30504397	12/01/2026	202611	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	383.50	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV12133
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30504396	29/01/2026	202611	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	383.50	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV12270
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30506250	27/02/2026	202612	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	383.50	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV12406
0105	WASTE MANAGEMENT	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30508282	27/03/2026	202612	Andrew Cassells - Waste Specialist Advice	383.50	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD	INV12547
0105	**WASTE MANAGEMENT**								**63,392.13**		
0260	BUSINESS	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30491616	16/07/2025	202604	Development of Partnership Agreement for Digital Innovation Hub	2,500.00	FEARON CONSULTING	FC00361
0260	BUSINESS	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30492735	11/08/2025	202605	Support Service Outline Business Case Digital Innovation Hub	4,675.00	JETTORA LIMITED	2024/300
0260	**BUSINESS**								**7,175.00**		
0320	ARTS & CULTURE	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30491455	15/05/2025	202604	Review of Arts & Culture Strategy & Action Plan	2,418.75	LARA GOODALL	LGC944 DCSDC
0320	ARTS & CULTURE	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30498252	29/10/2025	202608	Cultural Brand & Marketing Brand Update	315.00	CREATIVE NRG T/A MCCADDEN	IN016645
0320	ARTS & CULTURE	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30501502	04/12/2025	202610	Development of Options for NWCI Operation going forward	1,800.00	ENTERPRISE NORTH WEST	1381
0320	ARTS & CULTURE	36135	AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	AP	30505287	02/03/2026	202612	North West Audience Development Plan	6,498.00	THRIVE	INV-0466
0320	ARTS & CULTURE	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30507833	30/03/2026	202612	Profile Content re Strabane bid for UK Town of Culture	325.00	THRIVE	INV-0510
0320	**ARTS & CULTURE**								**11,356.75**		
0341	BRANDYWELL STADIUM	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30495877	28/05/2025	202607	Inspection Survey & Report Southern Stand Seating - Brandywell Stadium	500.00	K2 DESIGN	10713/01
0341	BRANDYWELL STADIUM	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30490185	23/06/2025	202603	FIFA Quality Re-test 3G Pitch Brandywell Stadium	1,495.00	SPORTS LABS LTD	INV-25201
0341	BRANDYWELL STADIUM	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30496809	10/10/2025	202607	FIFA Quality Re-test 3G Pitch Brandywell Stadium	995.00	SPORTS LABS LTD	INV-26182
0341	BRANDYWELL STADIUM	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30507095	23/03/2026	202612	Inspection Survey & Report - Brandywell Stadium	1,200.00	K2 DESIGN	11037/01
0341	**BRANDYWELL STADIUM**								**4,190.00**		
0358	YEAR OF YOUTH 2019	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30493036	05/08/2025	202605	Child Friendly Mapping Report with 8 Local Community Growth Partnership Boards	12,000.00	NW YOUTH SERVICES LTD	T25-002HCO S1 50%
0358	**YEAR OF YOUTH 2019**								**12,000.00**		
0535	OPEN SPACES	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30494371	15/08/2025	202606	Creggan Burn Park Masterplan	7,680.00	McCLOY CONSULTING LTD	INV-9242
0535	OPEN SPACES	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30504770	17/12/2025	202612	Lead Consultant & GI Services Creggan Burn Park	3,920.00	McCLOY CONSULTING LTD	INV-9409
0535	OPEN SPACES	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30504771	19/12/2025	202612	Lead Consultant & GI Services Creggan Burn Park	4,080.00	McCLOY CONSULTING LTD	INV-9426
0535	OPEN SPACES	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30506802	11/08/2025	202612	Culmore Country Park to Canning's Lane Greenway Route Option Appraisal	7,645.00	MCADAM DESIGN LTD	25631
0535	**OPEN SPACES**								**23,325.00**		
0541	PLAYGROUNDS	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30488856	06/05/2025	202603	Bi-Annual Play Areas Inspections - Derry Cityside & Waterside	3,320.02	PLAY SERVICES IRELAND LIMITED	9289
0541	**PLAYGROUNDS**								**3,320.02**		
0545	BIODIVERSITY	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30494609	08/09/2025	202606	Invasive Species Assessments	3,184.50	AXION SOLUTIONS LTD	250902AXDCSDC1
0545	BIODIVERSITY	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30504781	08/09/2025	202612	Invasive Species Assessments	6,465.00	AXION SOLUTIONS LTD	250902AXDCSDC2
0545	**BIODIVERSITY**								**9,649.50**		
0564	CLIMATE CHANGE (2021 on)	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30490717	01/11/2024	202604	Sustainable Development - Accelerating Action Bespoke Plan	1,000.00	ACCELERATING ACTION LTD	INV-0011
0564	CLIMATE CHANGE (2021 on)	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30490716	30/06/2025	202604	Consultation Work on Innovate UK Programme	6,306.07	YOUR CLIMATE STRATEGY LTD	82
0564	**CLIMATE CHANGE (2021 on)**								**7,306.07**		

0747	COM W/BEING BUS. SUPPORT COSTS	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30495906	12/09/2025	202607	Costs for Health & Safety Partnership Liason Officer	1,398.12	LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL	4319
0747	COM W/BEING BUS. SUPPORT COSTS	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30499177	21/10/2025	202609	Costs for Health & Safety Partnership Liason Officer	457.22	LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL	4712
0747	**COM W/BEING BUS. SUPPORT COSTS**								**1,855.34**		
0748	COM W/BEING CENTRAL STAFF COSTS	36140	PROFESSIONAL FEES	AP	30506772	12/03/2026	202612	Costs for Health & Safety Partnership Liason Officer	1,375.73	LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL	6557
0748	COM W/BEING CENTRAL STAFF COSTS	36120	CONSULTANTS FEES	AP	30508915	31/03/2026	202612	Costs for Health & Safety Partnership Liason Officer	1,375.73	LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL	6941
0748	**COM W/BEING CENTRAL STAFF COSTS**								**2,751.46**		

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANTS 2025/2026 **170,584.09**