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Ref: FOI / 6522

22nd July 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Pride Month 2026

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

This is an information request relating to Pride month 2026.

Please include the following information:

1. **Whether any events have been organised for Pride month.**

   If so, please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event

   - Funding has been applied for by Foyle Pride who subsequently organise their events.

   - Parade Start and end time: The main highlight of the week-long festival is the grassroots Annual Parade; assembles at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 29 at the North West Transport Hub (Waterside Link) and departs at 2:00 PM to finish at Guildhall Square. The parade is a key event of the larger Foyle Pride Festival, which will run from August 19th to 29th.

   - The Foyle Pride Festival 2026 is a week-long festival of events recognising and celebrating the contribution the LGBTQ+ community bring to the North West. Foyle Pride is grassroots, community-led, providing a wide range of activities and events, increasing visibility and awareness of the LGBTQ+ community in the DCSDC area and wider region.

   - The programme celebrates diversity and intersectional experiences of our communities. Foyle Pride partner with local statutory, community and voluntary organisations and connect locally, nationally and internationally with LGBTQ+ communities worldwide.

2. **Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e. since the beginning of the 2026/27 financial year.**

   If so, please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost.

   Council can confirm that no themed merchandise has been purchased by the DCSDC for Pride month.

3. **Whether the organisation has sponsored any Pride events.**

   If so which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value)

   Headline Events Funding Award for the financial year 2026/27

   - Amount awarded to Foyle Pride is £7,100.00*

     *A*waiting confirmation of funding by Department for Communities.*

   - There is one round of funding per financial year, which is advertised publicly. An application may be made for any amount up to a maximum of £10,000 in any financial year. However, only one successful application (regardless of amount) can be held by any group in a financial year. A threshold score of 50% must be reached to be eligible. The funds are awarded in order of merit, working from the top score downwards, until the allocation of funds is exhausted.

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

Jaqueline Whoriskey
Head of Culture