

Ref: FOI / 6362

22nd April 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Social Value Management

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. Please could you inform me if you have a person responsible for managing social value?

For the purposes of responding to this FOI, it is assumed that the enquiry relates to social value benefits resulting from capital construction projects i.e. design commissions and construction contracts. There is no one person in council who is tasked with 'managing' social value. It is deemed to be the duty of the in-house Project Sponsor (on behalf of the project's Senior Responsible Officer) to ensure that council achieves suitable social value, in line with the value of its capital investment in each project. The Project Sponsor is assisted in this endeavour by the Project Manager. The Project Sponsor is typically a senior manager from within the council department leading on the capital development, which in the case of Derry City & Strabane District Council could be its Environment & Regeneration, Business & Culture, or Health & Community directorates. The Senior Responsible Officer is typically the relevant departmental director. The Project Manager is usually an officer from either council's Capital Development or City Deal teams. Council sets the acceptable form and scale of social value for any given project based on the requirements adopted by the devolved government departments in Northern Ireland. The Department of Finance (DoF) in Northern Ireland sets the policy for social value, primarily through its Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) division.

2. If you do, who are they are?

As above.

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3. If you do not, who is managing your social value?

Not applicable.

4. Please could you inform me if you are using a social value platform?

Where Derry City & Strabane District Council is in receipt of part funding for a capital project from one of the Northern Ireland devolved government departments, it is obliged to upload the actual social value it achieves on a platform managed by Northern Ireland's Strategic Investment Board (SIB). SIB works with the devolved government, local councils and stakeholders to deliver long-term transformation projects and reports to The Executive Office.

5. If you are using a platform, which platform are you using, and when does the current contract come to an end?

As above. Council merely uploads information onto the platform and has no role in its management.

6. If you are not, how are you managing your social value?

As above i.e. it is managed as part of the governance procedures for each capital project, with Benefits Realisation being a standing agenda item for Project Board meetings.

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

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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

Francis Morrison

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