

Ref: FOI / 6294

8th April 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - AI Usage

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I am writing to request information via FOI request on council's current use of artificial intelligence systems and hope you can provide the following.

1. A list of all AI tools, systems or models currently in use within the council.

Co-Pilot

2. A description of the purpose of each AI system, including the tasks it supports and the problem it is intended to address.

Currently testing Co-Pilot in office365 apps such as word, excel etc., to assist staff workloads.

3. Details of any external providers or contractors involved in supplying, maintaining or operating these AI systems.

Microsoft.

4. Any internal guidance, risk assessments or governance frameworks that relate to the deployment or oversight of AI within the council.

Working on an AI policy but have advised staff to only use Co-Pilot.

5. Information on any planned future use of AI, including systems under procurement, testing or evaluation.

Only looking at Co-Pilot at the moment and will be doing a Co-Pilot maturity assessment in the next few weeks.

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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@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 advise, however, 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 Business