Derry City & Strabane District Council
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Ref: FOI / 6546

12th August 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - District Rates

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request

In each of the last five years, please outline growth in your district rates base, if possible domestic and non-domestic separately.

Response

Council have utilised the forecast figures provided by Land & Property Services for each of the year's highlighted. These figures reflect rate-base growth but are adjusted to reflect rates exemptions and reliefs, debt write offs as well as the outcome of appeals against non-domestic revaluation values. Effectively, therefore, these represent the overall rates income collectable by Council.

Figures have also had to be adjusted to exclude the impact of the last non-domestic revaluation exercise which came into effect on 01/04/2023 and for the financial year 2023/2024. This exercise re-bases all non-domestic property values but does not result in any additional rates income to Council.

On this basis, the figures are provided in the table below:

	26/27	**25/26**	**24/25**	**23/24***	**22/23**
Non domestic ratebase growth	(0.82%)	0.09%	0.18%	2.15%	0.33%
Domestic ratebase growth	0.98%	1.01%	1.51%	0.31%	2.07%
Overall ratebase growth	0.06%	0.54%	0.82%	1.25%	1.17%

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Please note also that the overall rate-base growth figure does not simply represent an addition of the domestic and non-domestic figures. It represents a weighted average of the 2 figures taking into account their overall respective proportion of the rate-base and associated income.

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

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