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Ref: FOI / 5771

24th June 2025

Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Local Development Plan

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request

1. I would like to obtain the following for the period 01/12/2019 – 27/05/25:
 - a. Minutes of all meetings between DCSDC and Ulster University, Community Planning Partnership, Glen Development Initiative and Outer-west Community Partnership, both as individual meetings and collective meetings.
 - b. Agendas for all meetings between DCSDC and Ulster University, Community Planning Partnership, Glen Development Initiative and Outer-west Community Partnership, both as individual meetings and collective meetings.
 - c. All papers from all meetings between DCSDC and Ulster University, Community Planning Partnership, Glen Development Initiative and Outer-west Community Partnership both as individual meetings and collective meetings.

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2. I also require the following in relation to stakeholder consultation on the Local Development plan within the same time frame:
 - a. Dates, location and list of attendees of any LDP consultations with individual residents, residents' groups, GDI and Outer West Community Partnership.
 - b. Copies of correspondence (including meetings, emails, phone calls and letters) with residents, Glen Development Initiative and Outer West Community Partnership.
 - c. Details of when any consultations took place with residents' groups and with whom for the same period.
 - d. Copies of any correspondence between Glen Development Initiative and DCSDC relating to requests for DCSDC to attend meetings.

Response

Having considered the matter I must advise that Council holds the information you have requested and replies as follows.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority, such as Derry City and Strabane District Council, to refuse to disclose information requested if the cost of complying with the request would exceed a figure of £450.00. The Guide to the Freedom of Information Act issued by the Information Commissioner, who is the regulator responsible for ensuring that public authorities comply with this legislation, advises that a request may be refused if deciding whether Council hold the information would mean that Council would exceed the cost limit, for example it would require an extensive search across a number of locations.

The Council has, therefore, decided to refuse your request under the exception to disclosure provided in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Where the Council decides that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it must consider if it can assist in wording the request in a way that would allow the request to be dealt with. In this case it may be that if the request was in relation to meetings relating to a specific topic that information could be provided within the relevant cost limit. You may also wish to consider narrowing the period for which information is sought

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

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Head of Planning