

Ref: FOI / 5487

6 January 2025

Email:

Dear Mr. Hamilton

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Council Trustees

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Although this information has been provided to you on a number of occasions previously by me, in response to repeated telephone calls, it has never previously been requested under the freedom of information act and therefore I am happy to respond formally on this occasion.

You have requested "names and email addresses of the trustees of the Derry city and Strabane council". I can confirm that the council does not hold this information. This is because the Council does not have trustees as it is a body corporate with perpetual succession by virtue of section 1(2) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972. For ease I set this section out in full: -

1(2) A council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, and, subject to the provisions of this Act, — (a) the name of the council shall be the name of the district with the addition of words "district council"; and (b) section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to the council."

The Council's elected members may be viewed on the Council website at <https://meetings.derrycityandstrabanedistrict.com/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>.

You have also asked "could you confirm or deny, that the corporation registered in companies house, that was closed down, last December I think, and has all our councillors' names linked to it, and sounds very like the name of our council".

I am unsure to which company you refer, but for the avoidance of any doubt, I can confirm that the Council is not, nor is it required to be, registered in Companies House.

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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
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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CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
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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Lead Legal Services Officer