

Ref: FOI / 6345

08th May 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Fee's Paid by Derry City Football Club for use of The Brandywell Stadium Per Annum

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Q. Could you please reveal the amount that Derry City Football Club pays to the council per annum for use of The Brandywell Stadium.

Could you please break these costs down to include pitch use, facilities use, the cost of placing permanent advertising boards around the ground and include all costs that were paid for the year 2025.

In order to reflect what "Derry City Football Club pays to the council per annum for use" of the stadium, I can present the sums paid by the club to Council in the last financial year i.e. 2025-26:

Item	Amount
Stadium Hire (flat rate facility hire)	£19,484.71
Function Room (bar)	£6,792.00
Stadium Hire (% ticket sales)	£6,440.17
Hire of other rooms	£3,825.97
Staffing Costs	£3,805.21
Hire of Office Accommodation:	£850.00
Total	£41,188.06

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The breakdown of facilities varies depending on the club match night requirement. In 2025-26, the club paid on average £650-750.00 per home game. An example of how those charges are applied is outlined below:

3G Pitch	match rate	cost
1	£ 102.00	£ 102.00
1st aid room	hourly rate	cost
4	£ 8.00	£ 32.00
Tickets sold	Council rate	Council income
1800	£0.10 per ticket	£ 180.00
Minimum payment £100.00 for 1st 1000 spectators		

Function rm (bar)	hourly rate	cost
6	£ 36.00	£ 216.00
Function rm (hosp)	hourly rate	cost
0	£ 12.00	£ -
Additional costs (include comments)		cost
		£ -

Control Room	hourly rate	cost
4	£ 8.00	£ 32.00
Stewards room	hourly rate	cost
5	£ 8.00	£ 40.00

Physio rm	hourly rate	cost
4	£ 8.00	£ 32.00
Anti-doping rm	hourly rate	cost
4	£ 8.00	£ 32.00
Total Match Cost	£ 666.00	

The pitch cost which has not changed during this period is £102 per night. Individual rooms are charged at set rates (see above), and the club pays Council 10 pence per ticket.

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
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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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