

Ref: FOI / 6082

26th November 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Animal Welfare and Dog Control Services

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Council funding for enforcement of animal welfare and dog control services. I would be grateful if you could provide the following:

Funding

- 1. What amount of overall funding has Derry and Strabane District Council received from DAERA for non-farmed animal welfare services in the following years, and how much of this funding was ringfenced for the delivery of these services? (Please use the table below to input your answers)**

Please see the information requested in the table below.

- 2. What amount of funding was ring fenced by Derry and Strabane District Council for delivery of dog control services (including pounds and kennelling) in the following years? (Please use the table below to input your answers).**

Please see the information requested in the table below.

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3. If you do not know what funding is allocated to your individual council, please tell us how much is allocated for the region in which you Council sits and specify which region.

Please see the information requested in the table below.

Year	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Amount of overall funding received by Derry and Strabane District Council from DAERA for non-farmed animal welfare services	£309,861.11	£159,625	None	None
Amount of funding ring fenced by Derry and Strabane District Council for the delivery of non-farmed animal welfare services.	None	£52,972.32 from each Council in the Western Region	£105,000 From each Council in the Western Region	
Amount of funding ring fenced by Derry and Strabane District Council for the delivery of dog control services (including pounds and kennelling).				

If there is anything else, you would like to tell us about the figures you have provided above, or about funding for animal welfare services in general, please use this space.

Funding is from the Western Region of Councils which consists of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council and Mid Ulster District Council.

Expenditure

4. What amount of money has been spent by Derry and Strabane District Council for delivery of non-farmed animal welfare services in the following years, and how is this broken down?

Please refer to the table below:

Year	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total money allocated	£309,961.11	£318,541.96	£315,000	Not allocated
Kennelling or boarding	£25,652.68	£40,041.56	£40,794	£16,617.86
Staffing	£214,211.32	£197,778.77	£189,953.88	£90,493.79
Staff training	£4,533.04	£84.29	£180.00	£310.00
Transport	£6,707.42	£4,531.89	£6,383.18	£4,168.51
Veterinary Treatment	£39,440.40	£42,468.38	£20,198.11	£4,871.67
Other: Legal Fees*	£8,249.50	£28,593	£4,527.50	£2,708
Other: Miscellaneous **	£15,430.65	£19,456.69	£16,760.53	£16,833.90

**Miscellaneous includes, for example: utilities, communication, Information Technology, cleaning, postage, insurance, medical, fees, etc.

5. What amount of money has been spent by Derry and Strabane District Council for delivery of dog control services (including pounds and kennelling) in the following years, and how is this broken down?

Year	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total money allocated				
Kennelling or boarding				
Staffing				
Staff training				
Transport				
Veterinary treatment				
Other (please specify)				
Other (please specify)				
Other (please specify)				
Other (please specify)				

If there is anything else, you would like to tell us about the figures you have provided above, or about funding for animal welfare services in general, please use this space.

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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

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 reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Seamus Donaghy

Head of Health & Community Wellbeing