

Derry City & Strabane District Council

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Ref: FOI / 1770

13 April 2018

Mr

Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Rates

I refer to your FOI request as below:

Request:

Can you supply the highest rates bill and the modal rates bill? Figures for both domestic & commercial/business. In addition can you supply details on how the average rates bill was worked out for press releases?

Response:

The average rates bill as referred to in press releases relates to domestic ratepayers is calculated as follows:-

	2017/18	2018/19	Notes
Average house rateable value (as advised by LPS)	96,157	96,157	
Domestic District rate poundage	0.4547	0.4683	2.99% increase
Average District rates bill	437.23	450.30	£13.07 increase

Note that the above table refers to domestic District rates only. The second element of a ratepayer's bill is the regional rate which is paid to Central Government.

In relation to non-domestic rates, the figures are as follows:-

	2017/18	2018/19	Notes
Average non- domestic property rateable value (as advised by LPS)	20,493	20,493	
Non Domestic District rate poundage	29.1631	30.0353	2.99% increase
Average District rates bill	5,976	6,155	

You will be aware that responsibility for valuation of properties and collection of rates, both District and Regional lies with Land & Property Services (please see contact details listed below). We therefore do not have information on the highest and modal rates bills, other than domestic rateable property values are capped at £400,000 for rates purposes.

Department of Finance Land & Property Services Information Manager 4th Floor Lanyon Plaza 7 Lanyon Place **Town Parks** Belfast BT1 3LP

Tel: 028 9033 6077 email: Informationmanager@lpsni.gov.uk

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 **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

Yours sincerely

Lead Finance Officer