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**Derry City & Strabane**  
District Council

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**Derry Cittie & Stràbane**  
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Ref: FOI / 948

22 November 2016

Mr  
Email: foi@unlimitedfeatures.com

Dear Mr k

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Christmas Lights**

I refer to your FOI request as above.

#### **Did your local authority have a Christmas lights switch on or similar event in 2016?**

Response: Yes we have 2 switch on events, one in Derry on the 17<sup>th</sup> November and one in Strabane on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

If no, then no further questions apply. If yes, then please confirm the following:

**1) Who did the switch on?**

Response: We just bring in Santa to turn on the lights at both events

**2) Were they paid a fee to do so? If more than one, please provide a breakdown.**

Response: No fee paid.

**3) Were expenses paid, either in addition to any fee or instead of? If so, please provide a breakdown of these.**

Response: No celebrities turned on the lights just Santa, who does not charge a fee.

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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](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Head of Culture**



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