

Ref: FOI / 5827

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Contracts Awarded to Business for Infrastructure Development Projects

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request

I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding contracts awarded by Newry, Londonderry City and Strabane Council to businesses and public bodies for infrastructure development projects within the borough. Specifically, I am seeking details of any contracts awarded over the last 25 years.

Please provide the following information for each relevant contract:

- A list of all infrastructure development contracts awarded to businesses and public bodies during the specified period.
- The value of each contract.
- The reasoning or justification given for selecting companies and public bodies.
- The procurement process used to select contractors, including any tendering procedures, bids received, and evaluations.
- The names and locations of the businesses awarded the contracts.
- Any documents or correspondence that detail the decision-making process behind awarding the contracts to businesses and public bodies.
- If applicable, details of any agreements or partnerships between local businesses and public bodies for these projects.

Response

You have asked for contracts awarded by Derry City and Strabane District Council to businesses and public bodies for infrastructure development projects within the

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District Council area over the last 25 years. Derry City and Strabane District Council and the former Derry City Council deliver an extensive Capital Development Programme on an annual basis. The scope of this programme is not limited to Infrastructure development and is often as part of a multi-stakeholder programme of activity.

As the scope of the request is so wide, it is difficult to definitively determine whether DCSDC hold the information. DCSDC will hold information on all contracts it specifically awarded in compliance with its document retention policies.

Therefore, unfortunately, Council is not in a position to provide a response as the scope of your request is too large and would exceed the 18-hour time limit to correlate, as per section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see below:

12. (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

However, if you wish to narrow the scope of your request and re-submit, we will treat this as a new request and endeavour to provide the information requested. For example, you could narrow the scope of the requested by reducing the number of years you are requesting and reduce the amount of content required for each year.

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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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

Damian McCay

Information & Customer Services Officer