

Ref: FOI / 2085

17 October 2018

Mr

Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Brexit preparation

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Request:

- 1) Please provide a copy of all guidance prepared by your council for the event of a no deal Brexit and a hard border.
- 2) Has your council set up any teams to deal with issues arising from Brexit? If so, please state the number of people employed in these teams, and the total cost of running these teams in the 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19 financial years.
- 3) Please state any other spending on preparation for Brexit since 1st April 2016 by your council that is extractable within the cost limit.

Response:

I can advise the only assessment, analysis or study that was carried out was commissioned by the North West Regional Development Group (a partnership between Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council). It was entitled "Initial Analysis of the Challenges and Opportunities of Brexit for the DCSDC & Donegal County Areas – The North West Region" and is publicly available our website at the link below:-

http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/Strategic-Growth/Publications

There has been no additional expenditure since. I can advise however that a Council officer is involved in a multi-agency and 11 Council group looking at BREXIT day one readiness.

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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

CHESHIRE SK9 5AF Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, 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

Lead Finance Officer