

Ref: FOI / 5943

09th September 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Funding from City Deal and Shared Island Funding

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Q. A full disclosure of all funding received for Derry City and Strabane District Council from January 1, 2020, to the present from the City Deal and Shared Island Funding for economic development, sporting and community development in the Derry City and Strabane Council Area.

- A. Derry City and Strabane District Council have not received any City Deal funding up to this point. £100m of City Deal funding has, however, been allocated £50m from the UK Government and £50m from the NI Executive. This is subject to contracts for funding being agreed towards a number of projects as part of a wider £293m City Deal and Inclusive Future Fund investment package. Details of all projects comprised within this City Deal and Inclusive Future Fund investment package can be found at the attached link: -

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/about-council/city-deal>

In relation to Shared Island Funding, €797k of Shared Island Local Authority Programme was received by Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council in 2022. This funding package was administered through Donegal County Council and developed a range of feasibility studies and business cases in the following areas:

- NW Decarb Project. €312k. *North West Decarb – Exemplar Decarbonised Public Buildings & Transportation Project* - a cross-border exemplar project as part of commitments by both Councils to reduce energy emissions in public buildings

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through the NW Regional Energy Agency and for NW City Region to become a leader in achieving international climate change targets. The project is part of the NW Regional Energy Strategy to reach a net zero carbon region by 2045.

- NW Reg Tec Project €185k. A North West RegTech Initiative is being developed by DCC, DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU as part of a proposed all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology – with proposed campuses in Letterkenny and Derry /Londonderry. It will bring together companies, academics and public bodies to drive world-class research and innovation in RegTech – working across sectors, regulators and borders to become a recognised world leader in regulatory technology.
- Sli ColmCille Project €300k. The Slí Cholmcille is a 250 km walking/ pilgrimage route linking key ColmCille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. It aims to support cross-border tourism, recreation and connect communities through the shared heritage of ColmCille.

The Shared Island Local Authority funding was required to be spent within one year and is fully committed. The projects are now complete. The business cases and feasibility studies developed have been forwarded by the Shared Island Unit to the relevant central government departments for consideration in relation to future progression.

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
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

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

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

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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

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