

Ref: EIR / 2170

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Mr

Email: @etu.unige.ch

Dear Mr

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Electoral Ward and Population information

I refer to your EIR request and advise Council has access to the information as below however the Electoral Office Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency https://www.nisra.gov.uk/ will be able to assist you further:

Electoral Office NI

Electoral Office Headquarters St Anne's House 15 Church Street Belfast BT1 1ER

Helpline: 08004320712 (freephone) or 028 9044 6688 Email: info@eoni.org.uk

Request:

- 1. Do you have a map like the one below of Belfast, showing the wards/areas/ neighbourhoods in Derry?
- 2. I would also like to receive the 2018 population breakdown by ward/area/ neighbourhood if possible.
- 3. Does the council population and the city proper population also vary in Derry too? (i.e does your council also include areas/wards that are not actually defined as the city of Derry?)
- 4. I would very much appreciate definitions of what other towns & villages aside from Derry city proper constitute these terms.

Response:

The link below will bring you to the website of the NI District Electoral Area Commissioner. Maps for the DEAs and Wards for the Derry City and Strabane District Council (DCSDC) can be found here. http://www.deac-ni.org/final-maps.htm

The excel attachment will provide a breakdown of the population within the DCSDC DEAs and Wards as at the 2011 Census.

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) are the official providers of population estimates in Northern Ireland. They have provided estimates of the new DEA /Ward populations from the 2011 Census but have not provided updates on these new geographies from the 2017 mid-year population estimates. The overall population of the DCSDC area has increased from 147,700 to 150,500 between 2011 and 2017.

I have also attached an image that illustrates the boundary of the DCSDC area and the settlements contained within it. The settlements are the dark blue shaded areas. Derry City is the largest of these settlements by some distance and its population was 83,163 as of 2011. This has not been updated with the 2017 mid-year population estimates.

Guidance on the classification of settlements as well as a definition of urban / rural areas can be found on the NISRA website as follows:

https://www.nisra.gov.uk/support/geography/urban-rural-classification

I am unsure of the source of the Wikipedia article but please note that our Strategic Growth Plan refers to the fact that Derry City is part of a city region that serves over 350,000 people, both in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/Community-Planning/An-Update-on-Our-Community-Plan

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

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