

Ref: EIR / 1943

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Dear Mr

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Planning Service**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

## **Request:**

- 1. Has the council outsourced its planning department (responsible for town and country planning)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services? **Response:**
- 2. Has the council outsourced any part of its planning services (planning policy, development management, planning enforcement)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?

**Response:** No.

- 3. Please provide details of any company providing statutory planning services or service support for planning to the council. If such provision exists, how long has the company provided services to the council, how long does the contract last for and what is the value of the contract?
  - There are no companies that provide statutory planning services or support for planning to the Council. Consultation is made with **Shared Environmental Services under an ongoing Service Level Agreement** with Mid and East Antrim Borough Council to assess and advise on environmental impacts.
- 4. Are planning officers responsible for delivering the council's town and country planning responsibilities employed directly by the council? If not, who are they employed by?

Response: Yes. 5. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to process planning applications on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

Response: No.

6. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to develop planning policy on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

Response: No.

7. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to conduct planning enforcement work on behalf of the council? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

Response: No.

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: <a href="mailto:casework@ico.org.uk">casework@ico.org.uk</a>

Yours sincerely **Head of Planning**