



Ref: FOI / 5983

23rd September 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Christmas Council Spending on Lights, Decor and Switch-on Events

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Christmas lights and switch-on events in 2024

1) Total amount spent on Christmas lights and related switch-on events (including set up, decor, safety, breakdown etc.)

- Christmas Lights including testing repairs replacements erect/ take down £151,058.31

2) Total amount spent on lights, trees and decorations:

- £138,817.87

3) Total amount spent on event stewards, public safety and security:

- £4658

Christmas lights and switch-on events in 2025

4) Predicted spend on Christmas lights and related switch-on events (including set up, decor, safety, breakdown etc.):

- £128,830.00

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5) Predicted spend on lights, trees and decorations:

- £150,000.00

6) Predicted spend on event stewards, public safety and security:

- £5600

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: caserwork@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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Head of Culture