

Ref: FOI / 5983

23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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