

Ref: FOI / 1676

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Dear Mr s

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request European 2023 - Cupcakes & Taxi's

Further to your request for information dated February 06 2018, Derry City and Strabane District Council advises that as part of its contribution to the promotion of the joint ECoC 2023 bid process it purchased 200 ECoC 2023 branded cupcakes, 100 of which were delivered to Belfast on completion and submission of the joint bid.

The cost of the 100 promotional items purchased and sent to Belfast was £85 and their transportation was £80. Following receipt of various quotations from suppliers in both Derry and Belfast, the overall cost of purchasing the items from a local supplier in Derry and transporting them was comparable to purchasing them in Belfast.

In relation to your second query, we have no record of an event manager going to an ECOC event in Belfast by taxi. Derry City and Strabane District Council did however receive an award from UTV Business Eye for our Halloween Festival and on that occasion four officers travelled together to the event in Belfast by taxi at a cost of £230 return. Due to the lateness of the event and the extreme weather conditions on the night in question, this was the safest and most cost effective option available to facilitate attendance at this important recognition event for the city.

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

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the Chief Executive's Office

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