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Request:

The total amount transferred to MEA Borough Council as the "Ballymena Capital Fund"

Details on each individual project allocated funds including the amount.

The total remaining in the "Ballymena Capital Fund" as of 2nd May 2019 and details on any projects for which funds have been allocated but not yet spent.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 15 May 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to Ballymena Capital Fund.

Question 1. The total amount transferred to MEA Borough Council as the "Ballymena Capital Fund"

The sum transferred to Mid and East Antrim Borough Council as the "Ballymena Capital Fund" was £8,505,000. This is per the audited accounts for the opening balances on 1 April 2015.

Question 2. Details on each individual project allocated funds including the amount.

We have been unable to provide details on each individual project allocated funds due to Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

Question 3. The total remaining in the "Ballymena Capital Fund" as of 2nd May 2019 and details on any projects for which funds have been allocated but not yet spent.

Council is currently completing its final statutory accounts to 31 March 2019. The unaudited balance of the Ballymena Capital Fund at 31 March 2019 is

£3,296,318. The total remaining in the Ballymena Capital Fund as at 2 May 2019 is unchanged from the 31 March year end balance.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/056/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.