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Request:

1. Does the council allow promotional and recruitment activities by the armed forces in public spaces/events?
2. If yes to 1., does the council allow weapons and military vehicles to be part of these activities?
3. If yes to 1., what is the procedure for the armed forces to undertake these activities?
4. What is the council's policy on children (under 18 years old) handling military weapons in public spaces/events?
5. What policies inform the council's position on this, in relation to event licensing, safeguarding, the Armed Forces Covenant etc.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 22 May 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to armed forces recruitment and promotional activities in public spaces.

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Yes

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Yes

3. If yes to 1., what is the procedure for the armed forces to undertake these activities?

Agreed to follow all policy and procedures of MOD

4. What is the council's policy on children (under 18 years old) handling military weapons in public spaces/events?

Don't have a policy

5. What policies inform the council's position on this, in relation to event licensing, safeguarding, the Armed Forces Covenant etc.

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council signed the Armed Forces Covenant in 2016

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/067/1920 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/>.

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