

FOI Reference Number: FOI/074/1920

Date: 28 June 2019

Request:

I'm requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The questions relate to the Local Authority's use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

- 1) Does the Council have a policy and/or strategy to benefit from drone/UAV based services?
- 2) Is the Council (or an associated arm's length organisation) licenced by the Civil Aviation Authority to deliver drone/UAV services?
- 3) If so, please can you confirm the scope of services being provided by the Council/arm's length organisation?
- 4) Has the Council ever procured drone/UAV services from a third party?
- 5) If so, please can you confirm the scope of the services and details of the 3rd parties who provided the services?
- 6) Please can you confirm the name and role of the lead officer with responsibility for policy and strategy relating to the Council's use of drones/UAVs?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 03 June 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to drones/unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

- 1) Does the Council have a policy and/or strategy to benefit from drone/UAV based services?

No

- 2) Is the Council (or an associated arm's length organisation) licenced by the Civil Aviation Authority to deliver drone/UAV services?

No

3) If so, please can you confirm the scope of services being provided by the Council/arm's length organisation?

N/A

4) Has the Council ever procured drone/UAV services from a third party?

A Drone Survey of Blackhead Path was completed in 2017.

5) If so, please can you confirm the scope of the services and details of the 3rd parties who provided the services?

Supplier - [REDACTED]

Scope of contract - UAV Mapping survey of the Blackhead Path at Whitehead, Co. Antrim to assess the current state of the path in 3 sections.

6) Please can you confirm the name and role of the lead officer with responsibility for policy and strategy relating to the Council's use of drones/UAVs?

N/A

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/074/1920 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.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

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