

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/102/1819

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

**Request:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to obtain information about your organisation's spending on award ceremonies in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Please include the following information:

- What was the total cost of award ceremonies in each of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18?
- What was the cost of any one-off award ceremonies in each of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18?

If you are unable to answer one of the questions, please continue and answer the subsequent ones.

My preferred format to receive this information is electronically, but if that is not possible I will gladly accept letters at the address below.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

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

Awards	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Total
Sports Awards	14,272	13,828	19,487	47,588
Larne Business Awards (Sponsorship only)	0	6,000	0	6,000
Carrickfergus Business Awards (Sponsorship only)	0	0	6,000	6,000
Ballymena Business Excellence Awards (Sponsorship Only)	6,000	6,000	6,000	18,000
MEA in Bloom	2,000	4,000	event not yet delivered but likely to cost £2,000 as using Council venue again	6,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,272</b>	<b>29,828</b>	<b>31,487</b>	<b>83,588</b>

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/102/1819 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.