

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/107/1819

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Request:**

Hi

I am making a request under the freedom of information act.

I would like to know how much Mid and East Antrim Borough Council has spent paying for celebrities to attend functions or events over the past four financial years 2014-15; 2015-16 and 2016-17 and 2017-18 to date.

Please provide the information in a spreadsheet format.

I would like a breakdown of the celebrity name, their fee and details of the event for which they were hired by the council including the date and venue as well as their role at the event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to the costs of celebrity appearances.

<b>Celebrity</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
Aled Jones	NI Somme Centenary Festival	7,999
Stuart Robinson	Carrick Christmas Lights switch on	250
Una Healy	Friends Goodwill Festival	15,000
Downtown Country Presenters	Friends Goodwill Festival	0

Marty Mone	Friends Good Will Festival	15,100
Jim Devine	Friends Good Will Festival	(total cost contracted through 3 <sup>rd</sup> party)
Cup O' Joe	Friends Good Will Festival	
Gormacha	Friends Good Will Festival	
Stonewall	Friends Good Will Festival	
Chelsey Chambers	Friends Good Will Festival	
Niamh McGlinchey	Friends Good Will Festival	
Four men and a dog	Friends Good Will Festival	
Barry Kirwan	Friends Good Will Festival	
Philomena Begley	Friends Good Will Festival	
Connla	Friends Good Will Festival	
Brian Houston	Friends Good Will Festival	
Dana Masters	Friends Good Will Festival	
Claire McCollum	Sports Awards	
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<b>£39,349</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/107/1819 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.