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**Request:**

It's been brought to my attention that Anne Donaghy tweeted in an official capacity via the twitter account, often tweeting from official engagements at 'business dinners'. I am not satisfied with this response. I think it matters particularly if the CEO used an MEABC supplied mobile phone. I therefore now need to know about the CEO's mobile phone, and specifically use of social media on that phone. I want to know why the twitter account was deleted and if twitter was accessed through any phone supplied to the CEO.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 06 July 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to the use of twitter on a mobile phone.

*This was a personal social media account and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council would not hold any information in relation to why this account was deleted.*

*Please note, as per the Freedom of Information Act, 'information' means information recorded in any form and we would not hold any information on the aforementioned.*

*MEABC can confirm that twitter was accessed through a phone supplied to the CEO. Please see below from our Mobile Phone Usage Policy, which states mobile phones are primarily intended for business use but does not prohibit personal use.*

**8 PRIVATE USE**

- 8.1 Mid and East Antrim Borough Council issued phones are intended primarily for Council business use, if an employee makes personal calls which are chargeable then they can request a copy bill and reimburse the Council on a monthly basis for all associated costs.
- 8.2 It is the user's responsibility to identify personal calls and reimburse the Council. All bills must be settled promptly. Failure to do so may result in this benefit being withdrawn.
- 8.3 Managers and supervisors will monitor usage of Council mobile phones for both private and business use and all usage is subject to audit.

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/185/1819 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.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

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