

FOI Reference Number: FOI/199/1819

Date: 21 August 2018

Request:

The name of your department / authority

For the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 Please can you tell me:

- The full budget of the authority
- The amount paid to external contractors or agencies for the provision of council services (IE: services which were once provided by council employees.
- The amount spent on services provided in house

For the financial year 2017-18 please also provide a list of the council's external contractors who provide a service for or on behalf of the council (by such a service I mean one which was or may have previously been provided by employees of the council)

If this information is not accessible in a way that determine spending on contractors for council services, please provide a full list of the council's contractors.

In this list (shown in my table attached) please include:

- *The company name of the contractor*
- *A description of the service provided (I have provided three rows to be compatible with typical transactional reports)*
- *The value of the contract*

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 25 July 2018.

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

Whilst Mid and East Antrim Borough Council does hold the information requested, it is not held in a manner that is accessible, at present we hold approx. 6500

suppliers on our database, none of which have been defined as internal or external contractors

The cost of the search would exceed the £450 prescribed limit for local government, therefore Council is not required to provide the information requested as per Section 12 Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under Section 12 of the Act, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit as previously mentioned.

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/199/1819 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.