

FOI Reference Number: FOI/210/1819

Date: 31 August 2018

Request:

From June 2016 to the day this request is processed, I would like to know the number of overseas trips councillors, members of the management team (including the chief executive), and council officers have taken in the course of conducting council business. For each overseas trip, please provide the following information:

- The date and duration of the overseas trip, as well as the country/city that was visited
- The full name, title and position of the councillor/member of management team/council officer who went on the overseas trip
- The reason or reasons why the councillor/member of management team/council officer went on the overseas trip
- The cost of the overseas trip (please provide a breakdown of travel costs, accommodation costs and expenses etc.)
- Please state whether the council met the costs of the overseas trip, or whether an individual, group, company, consortium, charity or another organisation met the costs.
- Please provide the full name of the individual, group, company, charity or organisation that met the costs. If it is a group or consortium, please state who or what composes the group or consortium.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 30 July 2018.

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

Event	Start Date	End Date	Name	Travel	Accommodation	Mileage	Out of Pocket Expenses	Subsistence	Car Park etc	Overall Totals	Total Per Event	Reason for trip
<u>Somme Centenary Tour, France</u>												
	30/06/2016	03/07/2016	Beattie, Ald May	£830.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£126.00	£0.00	£956.00		Somme Centenary Tour
	30/06/2016	03/07/2016	Collins, Cllr Brian	£830.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£830.00		
	30/06/2016	03/07/2016	Johnston, Cllr Cheryl	£830.00	£0.00	£23.40	£0.00	£126.00	£0.00	£979.40		
	30/06/2016	03/07/2016	McDonald, Ald Stewart	£830.00	£0.00	£27.95	£0.00	£126.00	£0.00	£983.95	£3,749.35	
<u>Irish Fest. -Milwaukee</u>												
	18/08/2016	21/08/2016	Ashe, Cllr Billy	£878.61	£857.78	£207.00	£16.97	£331.24	£0.00	£2,291.60		To promote tourism in Mid and East Antrim by taking a stand at the Irish Fest, Milwaukee. It is the largest celebration of Irish heritage in the USA and a large number of diaspora (147,000) travel from Canada and North America to attend the festival.
	18/08/2016	21/08/2016	Henry, Cllr Billy	£878.61	£857.78	£222.90	£0.00	£354.64	£0.00	£2,313.93		
	18/08/2016	21/08/2016	McKeen, Ald Gregg	£878.61	£857.78	£0.00	£0.00	£380.11	£0.00	£2,116.50		
	18/08/2016	21/08/2016	Morrow, Ald Maureen	£878.60	£837.78	£0.00	£0.00	£430.52	£0.00	£2,146.90		
	18/08/2016	21/08/2016	McWilliams, Ainsley - Head of Tourism, Arts and Culture	£878.60	£857.78	£0.00	£0.00	£623.10	£0.00	£2,359.48	£11,228.41	
<u>Trade Fair, Frankfurt</u>												
	18/10/2016	20/10/2016	Council Employee	£203.29	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£303.29	£403.29	To meet with the German travel trade regarding the Gobbins
<u>Messines Pilgrimage, Belgium/France</u>												
	06/06/2017	09/06/2017	Wilson, Cllr Andrew	£599.00	£0.00	£59.80	£0.00	£156.00	£0.00	£814.80	£814.80	Messines Pilgrimage to Belgium/France
<u>Irish Fest, Milwaukee</u>												
	17/08/2017	20/08/2017	Ashe, Cllr Billy	£756.18	£906.81	£0.00	£0.00	£537.23	£0.00	£2,200.22		To promote tourism in Mid and East Antrim by taking a stand at the Irish Fest, Milwaukee. It is the largest celebration of Irish heritage in the USA and a large number of diaspora (147,000) travel from Canada and North America to attend the festival.
	17/08/2017	20/08/2017	Logan, Cllr Robert	£756.18	£934.95	£148.20	£0.00	£537.23	£0.00	£2,376.56		
	17/08/2017	20/08/2017	Wales, Cllr Audrey	£781.43	£885.71	£37.05	£11.14	£537.23	£0.00	£2,252.56		
	17/08/2017	20/08/2017	Council Employee	£756.18	£906.81	£0.00	£0.00	£537.23	£0.00	£2,200.22	£9,029.56	
<u>Seatrade Europe, Hamburg</u>												
	06/09/2017	07/09/2017	Council Employee	£797.46	£263.80	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,061.26	£1,061.26	To meet with cruise operators regarding the use of the Port of Larne and Mid and East Antrim as a possible call on European Cruises
<u>Trade Fair, Frankfurt</u>												
	03/10/2017	05/10/2017	Council Employee	£216.56	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£216.56	£216.56	To meet with the German travel trade regarding the Gobbins
<u>Study Trip to Atlanta, Georgia</u>												
	19/10/2017	23/10/2017	McWilliams, Ainsley - Head of Tourism, Arts and Culture	£990.00	£241.56	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,231.56		To meet with tour operators and gain an understanding of how to better develop the existing Ulster Scots tourism assets within Mid and East Antrim
	19/10/2017	23/10/2017	Williams, Linda - Director of Development	£990.00	£241.56	£0.00	£0.00	£770.07	£0.00	£2,001.63	£3,233.19	
Figures in red are approximate costs												
										Overall	£29,736.42	

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/210/1819 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.