

FOI Reference Number: FOI/219/1819

Date: 24th August 2018

Request:

I am writing to request access to records held by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I wish to request access to the following records/details:

- All reports and planning documents produced by the Council on the potential impact of Brexit
- These to include any reports on the potential financial impact of Brexit
- These reports to cover a period from July 2016 up to July 2018
- The date the report was produced to be included
- The section of the Council which included the report to be included
- The amount of money spent producing the reports to also be included (if this is available)

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 1st August 2018.

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

Please see attached summary report which outlines Council's approach to Brexit. However, the remainder of the documents you requested are withheld as they are exempt under the following section of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:-

22A. Research

(1) Information obtained in the course of, or derived from, a programme of research is exempt information if—

(a) the programme is continuing with a view to the publication, by a public authority or any other person, of a report of the research (whether or not including a statement of that information), and

(b) disclosure of the information under this Act before the date of publication would, or would be likely to, prejudice—

(i) the programme,

(ii) the interests of any individual participating in the programme,

(iii)the interests of the authority which holds the information, or

(iv)the interests of the authority mentioned in paragraph (a) (if it is a different authority from that which holds the information).

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/219/1819 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.