

FOI Reference Number: FOI/228/1819

Date: 30th August 2018

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you:

1. Please provide any Brexit impact assessments conducted by your council, or other forms of Brexit planning. If you haven't undertaken any Brexit impact assessments please provide other forms of Brexit planning, as well as any notes for context.
2. Please provide any emails relating to Brexit planning/the impact of Brexit.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 3rd 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/228/1819 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.