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Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of council spending on entering itself and its staff or councillors into awards contests.

By this, I mean where the council has paid an entry or application fee to enter itself, staff or councillors into awards contests for the prospect of being nominated for or winning an award or accolade.

Please disclose the following for each year from 2017 to present:

1. A list of all the awards contests for which the council has paid an entry fee to enter itself into, and the different awards categories entered into.
2. For each, please disclose the overall cost of applying or entering into the awards contest, and any available breakdown of this cost.
3. For each, please disclose whether the council or individual entered into the contest was subsequently nominated for the award and whether they won that award.
4. For those awards for which nominations were received, the overall cost of attending the awards ceremony, including how many attended and a breakdown of the costs including tickets, flights, accommodation and subsistence and alcohol.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 26 September 2019.

Please find attached Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request for information in relation to, 'Council spending on entering itself and its staff or Councillors into awards contests'.

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/238/1920 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.