

FOI Reference Number: FOI/250/1920

Date: 09 October 2019

Request:

Please could you include the following information:

- The amount spent by the council on celebrities to turn on Christmas lights in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
- The name of any celebrity who turned on Christmas lights for the council in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

A celebrity excludes council employees or elected officials who work for the council such as the Mayor, Councillors Etc.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 08 October 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request.

Council has not spent any money on celebrities to turn on Christmas lights in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 or 2018-2019.

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/250/1920 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.