

FOI Reference Number: FOI/290/1819

Date: 11 October 2018

Request:

- Does the council use any garden/environmental products that contain glyphosate? If so, what are they?
- Does the council use Roundup or RangerPro weed killer from company Monsanto? If so, which products?
- How much has the council spent on these items in five years? (Separated by each year and product)
- Does the council have immediate plans to discontinue use of the Roundup and RangerPro weed killer products or any other products mentioned? If so, why?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 13 September 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to garden/environmental products.

- Does the council use any garden/environmental products that contain glyphosate? If so, what are they?

Council uses Roundup, Pistol/ Pro Sheild Nomix Dual

- Does the council use Roundup or RangerPro weed killer from company Monsanto? If so, which products?

Council uses Roundup

- How much has the council spent on these items in five years? (Separated by each year and product)

Costs of these items have remained relatively constant over the past five years and broken up as follows:

<i>Mid Area (Ballymena)</i>	<i>East Area (Carrickfergus & Larne)</i>
<i>Roundup annual cost £400</i>	<i>Nomix Dual annual cost £4560</i>
<i>Nomix Dual annual cost £800</i>	<i>Roundup annual cost £400</i>
<i>Pistol/Prosheild annual cost £1800</i>	
<i>Overall expenditure Circa £3k</i>	<i>Overall expenditure Circa £4960</i>

- Does the council have immediate plans to discontinue use of the Roundup and RangerPro weed killer products or any other products mentioned? If so, why?

No immediate plans due to lack of alternative product.

Introducing alternative methods to include Mulching and commercial weed burning where applicable

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/290/1819 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.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.