

FOI Reference Number: FOI/320/1920

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Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could Mid and East Antrim Borough Council please provide me with the following information?

1. Since 1st October 2018, to date, has the council hired or been engaged in a contract with any external company to issue Fixed Penalty Notices related to littering on behalf of the council?

If yes, please answer the following questions:

2. What is the name of the external company or companies contracted? Please state the date range covered by each company since 1st October 2018.
3. How many Fixed Penalty Notices were issued by each external company used, between 1st October 2018 and 30th September 2019?
4. Were any of these fines issued for leaving domestic waste (refuse) bags out for collection outside of permitted times and if so, how many?
5. What percentage of income generated from FPNs goes/went to the external company and what percentage goes/went to the council?
6. What income did the council receive from FPNs issued by the external company between 1st October 2018 and 30th September 2019?
7. When is the contract with the external company currently used due to expire?
8. Does the council provide office space for contracted external workers?
9. Do contracted external workers wear council uniforms?
10. Please provide us with a copy of the contract between the council and the external company or companies referenced above. Please redact any personal information included in the contract if necessary for data protection.
11. Under the terms of your contract with the private company, do environmental protection enforcers receive any financial incentives to issue FPNs?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 12 December 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response.

Mid and East Antrim do not hold any information in relation to your request.

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/320/1920 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.