

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/323/1920

**Date:** 20 December 2019

**Request:**

Please could you provide the costs incurred by the council, where relevant, for the following across the authority.

1. Christmas lights
2. Christmas decorations
3. Installation of lights and decorations
4. Light switch on events, including celebrity appearances
5. Christmas events

Please only provide details of costs met by the council.

Expected layout:

Cost of lights and decorations - £xxx.xx

Installation costs - £xxx.xx

Switch on event costs - £xxx.xx

Please provide all this information for the following years

1. Christmas 2015
2. Christmas 2016
3. Christmas 2017
4. Christmas 2018
5. Christmas 2019

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 28 November 2019.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Christmas lights & decorations			£49,041	£399,968*	£7,877
Installation of lights & decorations	£7,896		£3,600	£12,500	£48,000
Light switch on events, including celebrity appearances			£36,606	£34,426	£36,406
Christmas events	£2,420	£4,841	£2,975	£13,917	

*\*this figure includes completely new lighting systems across all towns.*

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/323/1920 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.

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