

FOI Reference Number: FOI/368/1819

Date: 04 December 2018

**Request:**

- 1) Please tell me the allocated budget that was spent on Christmas decorations and lights in your council for 2017.
- 2) Please tell me the allocated budget to be spent Christmas decorations and lights in your council for 2018.
- 3) Please tell me whether you will fail to provide Christmas lights for 2018 due to budget restraints.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 06 November 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to the Christmas lighting and decoration.

- 1) *Please tell me the allocated budget that was spent on Christmas decorations and lights in your council for 2017.*

***The total approximate budget across Mid and East Antrim (40 towns and villages) was £103,262.86***

- 2) *Please tell me the allocated budget to be spent Christmas decorations and lights in your council for 2018*

***The total approximate budget across Mid and East Antrim is £324,588.00 - this figure includes completely new lighting systems across all towns***

- 3) *Please tell me whether you will fail to provide Christmas lights for 2018 due to budget restraints.*

***No - the new lighting systems will last for at least 10 years***

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/368/1819 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.