

FOI Reference Number: FOI/428/1819

Date: 10/01/2019

Request:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide copies of all letters and emails that were sent to the council from any local Chambers Of Commerce in 2018, which relate to homelessness, rough sleepers or begging in the council's area.

This should include all such correspondence that was sent to:

- (a) the council's leader / chief executive
- (b) the council's representative for business/ economics (if applicable)
- (c) the council's representative for town planning or communities (if applicable)
- (d) the council's representative for homelessness/ poverty (if applicable)

If the correspondence contains any personal information or anything else that cannot be disclosed under FOI, please black-out only the offending passages of the text, so that the remainder of the correspondence can be disclosed.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 03/01/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to correspondence from local Chambers Of Commerce regarding rough sleepers.

I can confirm that we have never received correspondence from the local Chambers of Commerce regarding homelessness, rough sleepers or begging in the council's area. Please contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive who should be able to help with 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/428/1819 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.