

FOI Reference Number: FOI/567/1819

Date: 13 May 2019

Request:

Please disclose the following for each mayor/chairperson from 2015 to present:

1. The name of the mayor/chairperson, and the year(s) of their tenure.
2. The amount of money provided for the mayor/chairperson's personal budget.
3. The amount from this budget that was spent.
4. A full, itemised breakdown how this money was spent. For example, details of any events held and their cost; funding awarded and to whom or what organisations; and a breakdown of spending on clothing, including if possible who the clothing was for, what type of clothing was purchased, and its cost.
5. If applicable, please also provide the above information requested in Q1-4 for the deputy lord mayors/vice chairpersons.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 15 March 2019.

Please find below and attached Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to mayoral spend.

Part of the information you requested is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal information) and therefore has been redacted.

1. 2015/16 Cllr Billy Ashe MBE

2016/17 Cllr Audrey Wales MBE

2017/18 Cllr Paul Reid

2018/19 Cllr Lindsay Millar

2. The mayoral budget for each term is £20,000. Please note, this is not a personal budget.

3.

BREAKDOWN	Allowance - £20,000	
Mayor	Term of office	Total Expenditure
<i>Cllr Ashe</i>	<i>2015 -16</i>	<i>£12,238.50</i>
<i>Cllr Wales</i>	<i>2016 -17</i>	<i>£7,983.10</i>
<i>Cllr Reid</i>	<i>2017 -18</i>	<i>£24,332.31</i>
<i>Cllr Millar</i>	<i>2018 -19</i>	<i>£9,909.87</i>

4. *Please find attached.*

5. *Not applicable - the deputy mayor's spend is part of the mayoral allowance.*

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/567/1819 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.