

FOI Reference Number: FOI/002/2425

Date: 15 May 2024

Thank you for your information request received by the Policy team at Mid and East Antrim Borough Council (MEABC) on 3rd April 2024 which has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request and our response:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information in the format provided below.

This information is regarded as *held* for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

<i>How many cumulative working days did council staff spend working from home in 2022-23?</i>	<i>How much the council spent on work from home related costs for council workers (i.e. home desktop screens/office chairs etc) in 2022-23?</i>
18,629 ¹	There have been no costs for staff working from home. All staff are provided with laptop IT, no desks or other office equipment has been provided. Expenditure for IT equipment falls under the normal day-to-day IT costs.

¹Under Council's *Agile Working* strategy staff (work role permitting) had an option to from home for a maximum of two days per week.

Please quote the reference number FOI/002/2425 on any related communications.

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 forty working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original email/letter, and should be sent by email to FOI@midandeantrim.gov.uk or by post to:

Policy Team,
The Braid,
1-29 Bridge Street,
Ballymena,

BT43 5EJ.

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. You must make your complaint to the ICO within 40 working days of you receiving your response or the date of your last contact with the Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

Alternatively, a complaint may be made via the ICO website at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>

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.