

Our Ref: PHI/1819/MK/44

29th March 2019

Mr Hugh McCloy
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Dear Mr McCloy,

I refer to your request of 7th February 2019 for an Internal Review of your original Freedom of Information request relating to correspondence regarding mineral licence KOZ1/16. I have carried out an Internal Review and my findings are detailed below.

I acknowledge that there was a delay in responding to your original Freedom of Information request of 14th June 2018 and that as a result you had requested an 'internal review' be undertaken on 23rd July 2018 on the basis that Council 'failed to respond' to this request. I have reviewed the case history and apologise that a response was not issued based on your initial request for an internal review. This was an administrative oversight.

Furthermore, I can confirm that as part of the Freedom of Information request process the relevant Council departments were re-consulted and they have confirmed that no correspondence/information is held relating to mineral licence KOZ1/16. The Minerals and Petroleum Branch of the Department of the Economy were also consulted and they confirmed that they were unable to find any correspondence between Mid Ulster District Council and themselves regarding KOZ1/16.

I have concluded that the process adopted and the actions of the Council officers involved in the Freedom of Information request in this regard were reasonable.

I trust this addresses your concerns. However, under the Freedom of Information Act, if you are not content with the outcome of this internal review, you can ask the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether the Council has complied with its responsibilities under the Act. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor
14 Cromac Place
BELFAST
BT7 2JB

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M G Kelso', with a stylized, cursive script.

M G KELSO
Director of Public Health and Infrastructure