
FOI-239190325 - Response

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Date of request: 14/08/2020
Title of request: Spending on portraits

Dear Harry Fone,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is below;

For the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:

1. How much money has the council spent in total on **commissioned** portraits (i.e. a painting, drawing or engraving of a person)?

We have no records of any commissioned paintings etc. The only item similar would be the Mayoral Portraits.

2. How much money has the council spent in total on **purchased** portraits (i.e. a painting, drawing or engraving of a person)

Cost of each photo session - £500 (19/20), none have been taken yet for 20/21 due to COVID but will be taken at the earliest and safest opportunity (estimate a similar spend).

3. For portraits commissioned who was the subject (e.g. member of staff, council leader etc)?

Mayor

4. If possible, I would be grateful for a breakdown of spending

- Cost of each portrait - £500 (19/20), none have been taken yet for 20/21 due to COVID but will be taken at the earliest and safest opportunity (estimate a similar spend).
- Name of artist – RMH Photography
- Room hire costs – n/a
- Number of sittings – unknown as Cllr Crooks organised the sittings himself. I can find out exact number of sitting if required but it was more than 1.
- Any other fees / charges incurred – n/a

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