
FOI 6859 response

FOI NEDDC <FOI@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk>

2 September 2020 at 11:49

To: "harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com" <harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com>

Dear Harry

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (ref. 6859)

Further to the email you received from North East Derbyshire District Council of 17 August 2020, I am now able to provide a reply to the information that you have requested. Our response is as follows, in bold, alongside your own notations.

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)?

No information held as no portraits were commissioned.

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

The Council purchased a photographic print of the Queen in the financial year 2019/0. This cost £218.50.

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

Not applicable. See response to question 1.

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

- Cost of each portrait
- Name of artist
- Room hire costs
- Number of sittings
- Any other fees / charges incurred

Not applicable. See response to question 1.

I hope that you are satisfied with our response. However, if you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your information request your next step would be to clearly state in writing why you are dissatisfied and the Council will treat this as a formal complaint in accordance with our Compliments, Comments and Complaints policy. The policy together with information on how to make a complaint is available on the Council's website www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk or by emailing connectne@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.

I also have a duty to make you aware of the Information Commissioner's Office, which is an independent body who monitors the Data Protection Act, the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations, and make sure organisation's fulfil their legal obligations under the Acts. They can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

Kind regards

Wayne Gorman

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From: FOI NEDDC
Sent: 17 August 2020 10:31
To: 'harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com' <harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com>
Subject: FOI request acknowledgement

Dear Harry

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received 13 August 2020. Your request has been allocated number FOI/6859.

Your request is being considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We aim to answer your request within 20 working days from the date we received it, as prescribed under the Act.

Due to the current situation arising from the COVID-19 outbreak, the Council's main priority is providing essential services and safeguarding the wellbeing of our residents and staff. We will do our best to respond to your request within the statutory 20 day timescale. Unfortunately we may be unable to respond to some requests within the guidelines, and the Council would like to thank you for your patience.

For your information, the Act gives you the right to be told whether we hold the information (subject to absolute exemptions). The Act also defines a number of exemptions which may prevent release of the information you have requested. You will be informed if this is the case, together with your rights of appeal.

If the information you request contains reference to a third party then they may be consulted prior to a decision being taken on whether or not to release the information to you. You will be informed if we need more time to do this.

A fee may be charged for disbursements. If a fee is to be charged you will be notified in writing.

If you have any queries about this letter please do not hesitate to contact us on the above contact details. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Their telephone number is 0303 123 1113 and a website address of www.ico.org.uk

Please note that NEDDC has a dedicated email account for FOI enquiries and this is foi@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk . Please use this email account from this point forward.

Kind regards

Claire Tozzi

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From: harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com [<mailto:harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com>]

Sent: 13 August 2020 17:01

To: FOI NEDDC <FOI@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of information request: spending on portraits

Dear FOI team,

Please would you provide me with the following information:

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)?
2. How much money has the council spent in total on **purchased** portraits (i.e. a painting, drawing or engraving of a person)?
3. For portraits commissioned who was the subject (e.g. member of staff, council leader etc)?
4. If possible, I would be grateful for a breakdown of spending
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My preferred format is to receive this information electronically. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone: 07759 151 066.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Harry Fone, Campaign Manager (Grassroots)

TaxPayers' Alliance, [55 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QL](#)

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