
FOI 15077 - spending on portraits

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Dear Mr Fone

For the period 2019-20 and 2020-21 there have been no commissions of portraits.

For the period 2019-20 and 2020-21 the Council purchased one portrait for the borough's collection from the Oldham Open Exhibition 2019. *Portrait of Geoffrey Clover* by Howard Jones. Purchase price £157.

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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
 - Cost of each portrait

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

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)

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