
Freedom of information request: spending on portraits

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

Dear Harry,

Thank you for your request for information which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

To confirm, Rochford District Council spent £340.00 in 2019/20 for the Chairman's Portrait for the Council Chamber. This included the costs of the Chairman being photographed in the Council Chamber, proofs and a framed canvas portrait being delivered to the Council.

There are no plans for a Chairman's portrait for 2020/21 as the Chairman of the Council is the same as for 2019/20.

No other costs have been incurred of the nature you describe across your period of interest.

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Thanks and Regards

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From: harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com <harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com>

Sent: 13 August 2020 16:59

To: FOI <foi@Rochford.gov.uk>

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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

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