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**Response to your recent FOI request [[5472915]]**

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**Adur & Worthing Councils** <foi@adur-worthing-hr.onmats.com>

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To: harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com

Dear Harry Fone

Thank you for your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please accept our apology for the delay in responding to you.

Please see the Councils' response below.

**Request**

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

**Response**

The Council does not commission paintings, engravings or portraits of persons. However it does commission a stone mason to engrave the name of the past Mayors of Worthing and their year in office on the walls outside the Committee Suite.

The name of Past Mayor Hazel Irene Thorpe was recently added to the mayoral roll and her year in office 2019/20. The fee charged for this was £400. The stone mason took 2 days to undertake this work.

In 2021 the stone mason will be commissioned to provide a quote to engrave the name of the current Mayor for 2020/21 on the same mayoral roll.

We hope this assists you.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information you have the right to an internal review. Details can be found at: [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/about-the-councils/legal/foi/#complaints](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/about-the-councils/legal/foi/#complaints)

Yours sincerely

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