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**Your information request (Our reference FOI 1011) received by us on 13 August 2020**

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

3 September 2020 at 13:47

Dear Mr Fone,

Following the above information request I am able to provide the following information:

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

**Commissioned by the Mayor's office**

2019-20

June 2019 = £305.00

Mayoral Portrait: Cost Split

Artist Commission: £125  
Print of original: £40  
Framing: £140

March 2020 = £366.40

Mayoral Portrait: Cost Split

Artist Commission: £125  
Print of original: £71.40  
Framing: £170

There have been no costs to date for 2020-21.

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

**As Q1**

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

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

- Cost of each portrait **As above**
- Name of artist **A level art student from Loughborough College**
- Room hire costs **Not held**
- Number of sittings **Not held**
- Any other fees / charges incurred **As above**

If you would like to re-use the information provided, please see the [re-use page](#) on our website

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. I have outlined our Freedom of Information Complaints Procedure below should you need to make use of it.

Yours sincerely,

Megan Bilton

Data Protection and Information Security Officer

Charnwood Borough Council

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**Charnwood Borough Council Freedom of Information and Environmental Information complaints procedure**

**Informal Complaints Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled please contact me, and I will try to resolve your complaint on an informal basis within 15 working days.

If you are then still dissatisfied with the response, please follow the formal complaints procedure below.

**Formal Complaints Procedure**

Put your formal complaint in writing, providing any supporting evidence, to the Customer Experience Manager at the address noted below, who will then investigate and respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

If the Customer Experience Manager dealt with your initial request for information your complaint will automatically be referred to the Head of Service and / or one of our Strategic Directors for independent consideration.

Write to: Customer Experience Manager

Charnwood Borough Council

Southfield Road

Loughborough

Leicestershire

LE11 2TU

Telephone: 01509 634596

E-mail: [foi@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:foi@charnwood.gov.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113. Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making an appeal.

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**Sent:** 13 August 2020 17:08

**To:** [foi@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:foi@charnwood.gov.uk)

**Subject:** 1011 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

- 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)**

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

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**24-hour media line: 07795 084113 (No texts)**

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