



My Ref: FOI 6262
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

- 1. The number of artworks owned by your local authority as of 1 April 2026 or the most recent available date.**

2182 Artworks

- 2. The number of artwork owned by your local authority that is on public display as of 1 April 2026 or the most recent available date**

586 artworks are on public display

- 3. For each financial year, from 2020-21 to 2025-26, the number of artworks disposed of, split by whether it was sold, donated, destroyed or other? If possible, please list the artworks sold.**

None

- 4. For each financial year, from 2020-21 to 2025-26, list the income from artworks sold?**

N/A

- 5. For each financial year, from 2020-21 to 2025-26, provide the number of artworks acquired (including purchases or donations, if recorded). If possible, please list the artworks acquired.**

2020-21 - 4
2021-22 - 15
2022-23 - 12
2023-24 - 16
2024-25 - 79
2025-26 - 6

6. If held, the most recent estimated total value of the authority's artwork collection (if available provide the value for insurance purposes rather than assumed value).

This information is exempt under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure would, or would be likely to, inhibit the prevention or detection of crime.

Disclosing the value of the artwork could put the council, its buildings and staff at risk of being targeted by thieves.

7. If possible within the cost restraints of this request, please provide a list of artwork owned by the council.

The council does not have the information in a retrievable format and it would require a manual extraction of information. Given there are over 2000 pieces of artwork this would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, equivalent to 18 hours of staff time and as such I apply Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to this aspect of your request.

If it would exceed the cost limit to provide full answers, please prioritise questions 1, 3 and 4. Public display includes those that can be readily viewed by members of the public. By artwork is defined as paintings, photographs, sculptures, etc. If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, I would be happy to refine the request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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Kind regards,

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