

17 August 2020
Our ref: 6506700

Thank you for your request received on 13 August 2020, for 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**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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)?

£250 on a photographic portrait of the Mayor of Barnet.

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

£0

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

The Mayor of Barnet.

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

- Cost of each portrait:

£250 (one photographic portrait)

- Name of artist:

Simon O'Connor Photography

- Room hire costs:

£0

- Number of sittings:

1

- Any other fees / charges incurred:

£0

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will 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.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.

