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Request:

Mrs Joan Christie the Lord Lieutenant for County Antrim was presented with the gift of a portrait recently as a gift in connection with her being bestowed the honour of Freedom of the Borough.

- 1) What did it cost the public purse to commission the portrait?
- 2) How was the decision made to present this particular gift?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 02 July 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to a portrait.

- 1) What did it cost the public purse to commission the portrait? - **£3,500**
- 2) How was the decision made to present this particular gift? - ***This was part of the ceremony to grant The Freedom of the Borough. Council can bestow this honour under legislation.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/119/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.