

FOI Reference Number: FOI/270/1819

Date: 25 September 2018

Request:

- 1) The total number of works of art owned by the local authority
- 2) The most up to date figures that the local authority has concerning the value of any and all works of art owned by said authority.
- 3) A copy of any audits carried out concerning local authority owned art work

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 31 August 2018.

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

1) *The total number of works of art owned by the local authority*
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council owns 244 art works held within its museums and civic collections.

2) *The most up to date figures that the local authority has concerning the value of any and all works of art owned by said authority*
The total for these artworks where a value is known has been collectively valued at £261,977.

3) *A copy of any audits carried out concerning local authority owned art work. This information is exempt under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000) and is therefore withheld. Section 31(1) states, Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime.*

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/270/1819 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.