

Our Ref: FOI9194F

Date: 26 September 2013

Email: harry.phibbs@gmail.com

Dear Mr Phibbs

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your request for information regarding works of art owned by Birmingham City Council.

Request Details

Please advise what is the total number of works of art owned by Birmingham City Council, the estimated total value and the number of works currently on display.

Response

The Birmingham Museums Trust is responsible for governing and managing the museum sites and collections owned by Birmingham City Council and took on this role in April 2012. We have taken your request to mean items of fine art and these items are owned by the Council, but looked after by the Trust.

Birmingham Museums Trust has been contacted on your behalf and they have advised of the following:

- **The number of works of art currently on display is estimated to be around 700 items. The majority of these will be paintings and sculptures.**
- **Birmingham owns 2,147 paintings and sculptures, and**
- **24,439 works on paper.**
- **The overall valuation of these items is £81,000,000**

Review of Response

If you are not satisfied with the way your response has been handled or the outcome of your request you may ask for an internal review. To do this you should contact Birmingham City Council's central FOI Team at this address:

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The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545745
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Yours sincerely

Julie Shanahan
Senior Governance Officer

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