

REQUEST	14127 - COUNCIL ASSETS - ARTWORK	RESPONSE
<p>I would like to send a Freedom of Information Request to your council, for a response within four working weeks.</p>		
<p>a) How many pieces of art, broadly defined, do you currently have in storage that are not on display? I use 'storage' as loosely defined too.</p> <p>b) please provide the name of and price of the most expensive piece of art that is council-owned and not on display</p> <p>c) Do you have any Banksy art (authenticated or not)</p> <p>d) How many pieces of art have you sold since 2017-18. Please provide a breakdown for the last five full financial years</p> <p>e) How much money did the council receive from the selling of this art?</p>		<p>a) Approximately 3,850 pieces of art in storage. The total museum collection comprises 35,000 objects which includes over 4,000 paintings, prints, sketches, musical instruments, decorative arts, pewter and glass items, coins and jewellery (pieces of art). We currently have 150 on display, and are planning to increase this, with our new museum exhibition in 2023.</p> <p>b) 'A Favourite Poet' by J.W. Godward, last valued at £85,000. The piece was recently taken down (in November 2021) after being on display in the museum for 10 years, to make room for the new rugby exhibition, and give the piece time to rest.</p> <p>c) No</p> <p>d) None</p> <p>e) N/A</p>