

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA030918-1731

27 September 2018

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 31 August 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Please provide:

- 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*

Because your request appears to be addressed to all local authorities, I should give some context and note that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local Borough Councils in the capital including the City of London (see all 33 at <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>).

We are not responsible for much public space. The main areas we are responsible for are Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Gardens. We do not own the statues and monuments in those areas.

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request.

1) *The total number of works of art owned by the local authority*

The GLA owns two heritage assets in the public realm, which we inherited when the GLA absorbed the London branch of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). They are known as "A Slice of Reality" and "Quantum Cloud". See more details in the link under question 3.

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.*

Two heritage assets were transferred on 1 April 2012 from the Homes and Community Agency and both had depreciated to a nil carrying value. The assets held are of a unique nature and there is no comparable market value information. The GLA considers the cost of obtaining such information outweighs the benefits to the users of the financial statements. As a result, the assets have not been recognised on the Authority's Balance Sheet.

3) *A copy of any audits carried out concerning local authority owned art work*

We do not hold copies of any audits of GLA owned art works. Further information can be found at https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_audited_statement_of_accounts_2017-18.pdf (page 51, page 97 – heritage assets).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA030918-1731.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
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