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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07221

Thank you for your request for information relating to removal of statues.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- 1. When was the last time (if ever) the council undertook a review of statues, plaques and public monuments in your area, with the purpose of deciding whether any ought to be removed from public display?**
- 2. Since 7 June 2020, has your council committed to a review of statues, plaques and public monuments in your area, with the purpose of deciding whether any ought to be removed from public display?**

In response to questions 1) & 2) we can advise that a review is currently planned to enable a better understanding of the current condition, site future maintenance requirements of works in the public realm as part of the development of a new strategy for Arts in the public realm and forward planning. This audit will also take into account the nature of the works and highlight any issues for consideration by Members.

- 3. Did your council remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year 2019? If so, please state which pieces were removed, when, and for what reason.**

No statues, plaques or public monuments were removed from public display in the calendar year 2019

- 4. Did your council receive any requests to remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year of 2019, on the grounds that**

they commemorate figures with links to slavery and/or colonialism? If so, please specify the statues/plaques/public monuments in question, and the number of representations each received

We are not aware of any requested to remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year of 2019 on these grounds.

5. If your answer to 4) is 'yes' - have any statues, plaques or public monuments been removed from public display as a result of such public requests/complaints? If so, please specify the statues/plaques/public monuments in question

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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