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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI531737941**

Thank you for your request for information relating to arts and culture funding.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many job roles at the Council are dedicated to arts and culture policy today?**

Seven, as follows:

There are two Full Time Equivalent (FTE) roles at the Council currently exclusively dedicated to arts and cultural policy/development.

There are five FTE roles at the Council dedicated to developing and delivering events. This reporting excludes aligned roles with significant or partial arts and cultural responsibilities (e.g., Strategic Lead - Culture, Sport, Events and Destination; Programme Manager etc.).

**2. How many roles were dedicated to arts and culture policy on this date in 2013?**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Our retention period for keeping this information is six years and therefore records only go back to 2017.

To assist, in 2017, this figure was five, as follows:

There was one FTE role at the Council exclusively dedicated to arts and cultural policy/development.

There were four FTE roles at the Council dedicated to developing and delivering events.

As per the response to Question 1, this reporting excludes aligned roles with significant or partial arts and cultural responsibilities (e.g., Head of Service – Sports, Culture, Destination & Business Relationships).

**3. Please confirm your budget dedicated to providing art and culture for each financial year stated below:**

**2013-2014**

**2018-2019**

**2023-2024**

It is our interpretation of the 'budget dedicated to providing art and culture' to include budgets for cultural services and city events, but to exclude budgets dedicated to providing purely sport and physical activity services and sporting events.

By the above interpretation, the respective budgets are as follows:

2013-2014: £4,878,116

2018-2019: £3,616,398

2023-2024: £3,883,358

**4. How many venues dedicated to hosting arts or cultural events have closed since 2013?**

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is not held by the Council.

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Yours faithfully

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