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Museums

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Information Request and Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

1) *How many museums does your council run?*

The Heritage Service has no physical museum at present though we are an accredited collection with stores at the Town Hall. We operate the Redoubt Fortress as a historic building and visitor attraction; it is no longer a museum. We currently have an exhibition of artefacts on display in the Pavilion adjacent to the Redoubt. From 2019 we will be operating a Heritage Hub in a shop unit at Victoria Mansions with a view to opening something larger and more fit for purpose within the next 5 years.

2) *How many items are there in your museums' collections? What is their combined value?*

Eastbourne Borough council does not hold a record of the value of these items

3) *How many of those items are currently on display? What is their combined value?*

The information below is based on the objects currently on show in the Pavilion.

Objects we own: 81

Objects on loan from private collections: 11

Objects on loan from institutions: 3

There is no record of the value of the collection

4) *For each of the last four financial years, ending with 2017/18:*

- a. *How many items have been sold by your museums? What is the sum of money those sales have raised?*

None

b. How much of that money was kept within museums rather than going to other parts of the council?

Not applicable

c. How many items have been bought by your museums? How much, in total, was paid for them?

Treasure Act 1996: 2014 T453 Medieval silver seal-matrix from Willingdon & Jevingdon, East Sussex

This cost £3000 and we had external funding grants totalling £2200 towards the purchase. This was purchased in 2017.

5) Over the last four years, what is the single biggest amount raised by selling an item? What was the item in question? How and to whom was it sold?

No items have been sold

6) Even if no sales have been made, has the council considered selling any of its collection at any point over the last four years?

There are no records of any discussions on this matter