

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

**Peter Oakford, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services**

**DECISION NO:**

**22/00032**

**For publication****Key decision – Yes**

Key decision criteria. The decision will result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000).

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision:**

Works at the Turner Contemporary Gallery, Margate, Kent

**Decision:**

As Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, I agree to:

1. the required works at Turner Contemporary Gallery and related activity, as detailed in the recommendations as set out within the decision report.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services to take necessary actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts required to deliver the works.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Kent County Council (KCC) constructed a purpose-built gallery which was handed over to the Turner Trust in 2011. Under the term of the lease between KCC and the Trust, KCC are obliged to repair and maintain certain elements of the building including the external rainscreen cladding.

In 2020, KCC was successful in obtaining Arts Council funding of £759,514 to allow improvements to the Gallery, in recognition of its success as a visitor attraction and to allow the Gallery to accommodate numbers in excess of original projections. The improvement works, together with the outstanding repairs were tendered and contracted to a local Kent building contractor and were completed in 2021. Whilst the building works were completed a number of works identified and are required now to be completed in line with the Councils obligations.

These works are funded within the allowances of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

**Public Consultation:** N/A

**Cabinet Committee Consultation Planned:** To be discussed at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**Views of Local Members:**

The views of local members will be sought and reported to the Cabinet Member prior to the decision being taken.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

Options were considered as set out within the decision report.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the**

**Proper Officer:**

None

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Signed

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