

Topics for Portfolio Holder and Managing Director Verbal Update

1. Turner Contemporary

- A successful groundbreaking ceremony was held in Margate on the 25 November for the start of the project.
- The chair and trustees for the Turner Contemporary trust have been appointed.

2. KDAAT and Trading Standards

Kent Community Alcohol Partnership which aims to change attitudes to drinking among young people and supports retailers to reduce sales of alcohol to underage drinkers was successfully launched in Maidstone on the 24 November.

3. Libraries

- Tenterden Gateway was opened on the 8 December.
- Ashford Discovery Centre update
- Re-opening of Ramsgate library update

4. Youth and Community

- Over 30,500 votes were cast at the Kent Youth County Council elections where 48 seats were hotly contested by 77 candidates. The results were announced at a successful ceremony at County Hall on the 29 November.
- 24 young achievers celebrated at the 'Spirit of the Try Angle Awards' County Final at on the 30 November after receiving special recognition for their works.
- Herne Bay youth centre is opening on the 14 January.
- Highfield youth centre update.

5. Apprenticeships

A verbal update will be given.

6. Volunteers

Kent Volunteers received numerous awards for Volunteering Excellence at a Gala Ceremony held on the 23 November. Award winning volunteers were involved in a whole variety activities and the event was held to recognise and thank them for the work they do across the county.

7. Kent History Centre

A verbal update will be given.

8. Sub national review update

A verbal update will be given.

9. Staff Changes

- New Head of Service for KDAAT – Lesley Andrews
- Departure of David Shipton – Head of Finance