

Decision Recording Form

Title	Loan of objects from the Ipswich Borough Council collections	Decision Maker	Director of Culture & Environment
Date of decision	25 th May 2022	Source of authority	Constitution, Part 3 Section 5 10.7 (a)
Date of Publication			

Background and Reason for decision

Background

This loan request is for a touring exhibition whose third and final venue is Nottingham Castle, and which is curated in partnership with the Royal Collections Trust.

Touring exhibition in partnership with the Royal Collections Trust: York Museums Trust, National Gallery of Ireland and Nottingham Castle (IPMSG: LO. 2020.05)

IPMSG: R.1924.81 *Pool in the Woods*, c. 1750. Thomas Gainsborough (1727-88). Oil on canvas

The Young Gainsborough: Rediscovered Landscape Drawings will focus on the young Gainsborough as a landscape artist and the centrepiece of the exhibition will be 25 recently reattributed Gainsborough drawings from the Royal Collection. Firm attribution to Gainsborough was the focus of press attention in 2017, featuring on BBC Radio 4's Today programme. For the first time these drawings will now be publicly displayed.

Gainsborough's *Pool in the Woods* will be displayed in a section devoted to Gainsborough's response to Dutch landscape, alongside two of the Royal Collection drawings.

This loan provides an opportunity to foster and build relationships with organisations we may wish to borrow from in the future and sits Ipswich Borough Council Collections alongside never publicly seen Gainsborough artwork.

Consultation

Ipswich Museums Manager, Portfolio Holder for Planning & Museums, Friends of Ipswich Museums

Decision - The decision made is to agree the loan

Loan to commence: 22 June 2022

Loan ends: 25 November 2022

Exhibition opens: 2 July 2022

Exhibition closes: 13 November 2022

Conflict of interest	N/A	Relevant Portfolio(s)	Planning and Museums
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ALL WARDS	Y	<i>Use a Y in the table below to mark the wards affected if not all wards</i>					
NW	NE	CENTRAL		SW		SE	
Castle Hill	Bixley	Alexandra		Bridge		Gainsborough	
Whitton	Rushmere	St Margaret's		Gipping		Holywells	
Whitehouse	St John's	St John's		Sprites		Priory Heath	
		Westgate		Stoke Park			

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