

Margate Seafront Development Steering Group

Terms of Reference

Background

1. The development of the key sites of the Rendezvous and Winter Gardens has long been seen to be vital to the long term regeneration of Margate. The tremendous success of the first phase which was the construction of Turner Contemporary, reinforces the urgency to build on this success and achieve the critical mass which the full development of both these sites will provide. It is this critical mass of visitor attractions which is needed for the regeneration of Margate.
2. The development of these two sites must be considered alongside the new Dreamland project to ensure that the developments are complementary and support each other. The developments must also reach high standards of quality and sustainability.
3. Both Kent County Council and Thanet District Council are engaged in work packages on all three of these sites and are the key delivery partners. Turner Contemporary has a responsibility for the continuing success of the gallery and therefore a legitimate interest in any developments which may positively or negatively affect the prospects of the gallery.

Purpose

4. The purpose of the Margate Seafront Development Steering Group will be to provide a forum for all the interested parties to meet, monitor the progress of the various work streams and provide over all direction and coordination of the projects.

Membership

5. There will be Member and senior officer representation from both local authorities. In recognition of their strategic role, the Steering Group will be chaired by the Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities. There will also be senior officer representation from the appropriate KCC directorates. The Vice Chairman of the group will be the Leader of Thanet District Council which will also provide appropriate senior officer participation. Turner Contemporary is invited to join the group either at Board Level or at Director/Deputy level.

Reporting Lines

6. The local authority representatives will report back through their own authority Cabinets and Turner Contemporary through the Trust Board.

Meetings

7. The first meeting of the Steering Group will be in January 2013 and in the first instance the group will meet on a quarterly basis with the intention of alternating the venues between Margate and Maidstone. This frequency may need to be adjusted in the light of project progress. The committee support to the working group will be provided by Kent County Council.

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Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities

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