

OFFICER DECISION NOTICE



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☐ **A.** Decisions taken by officers under a specific express delegation from Council or a Committee.

☒ **B.** Decisions taken by officers under a general delegation from Council or a Committee, which relates to (i) a permission or a licence, or (ii) the rights of an individual, or (iii) a contract or expenditure over £100,000.

1. Title of decision:	To accept a Gift to the Museum from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
2. Date of the decision:	01 May 2024
3. The decision maker:	Donna Pentelow, Assistant Director for Culture

4. Decision details:

To acquire a group of 1990s etchings by leading British artists for the Reading Museum collection via the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The prints are part of the Balakjan Collection gift to the Nation, with Reading as one of the beneficiaries

5. Reasons for the decision:

The prints will support the existing print collection at Reading Museum as excellent examples of contemporary printmaking and of the 1990s renaissance of figurative drawing which is not represented in the collection.

The decision to acquire was made in accordance with the Reading Museum Collections Development Policy which was adopted by RBC Decision Book Issue 657 on 27/4/2022. The Conditions of Transfer from DCMS all fit with the Collections Development Policy.

6. Alternative options considered (if any) and rejected:

N/A

7. List of open Background Papers:

N/A

8. List of confidential or exempt Background Papers:

N/A

9. Any other matters taken into consideration:

☐ Legitimate expectation of consultation

☐ Procedural requirements

☐ Public Health implications

☐ Environmental or Climate Change

<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management implications
<input type="checkbox"/> Transparency of Information (FOI etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Impact Assessments
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights Act Duties	<input type="checkbox"/> Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Parenting	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory duties	<input type="checkbox"/> EU withdrawal
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Details of the matters taken into account: N/A	

10. Legal considerations N/A
11. Financial considerations N/A – the items will form part of the general collection and there are no additional financial considerations arising.
12. Internal consultations N/A

Sections 13- 18: To be completed only for Decision A (express delegation from a Committee)	
13. The name of the Committee:	N/A
14. Date of the meeting:	Click or tap to enter a date.
15. Minute number:	
16. The delegation given by the Committee:	
17. The name of any member of the committee who declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision:	
18. Any councillor or officer required to be consulted prior to the exercise of this delegation and details of their response.	