

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Kevin Stanley – Acting Town Hall Manager

Officer Making the Decision

Chris Traill – Strategic Director, Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing

Recommendation

That a commission rate of 30% of sale price continues to be charged to artists exhibiting in galleries at Loughborough Town Hall from 1st April 2016.

This applies to all items sold during an exhibition on behalf of the artist.

Reason

An appropriate charge is required to contribute towards overhead/staffing costs and to assist in meeting the income requirements set for Loughborough Town Hall.

Authority for Decision

Section 8.3 of the Council's Constitution (item 1) delegates to Heads of Service the authority to undertake periodic review of fees and charges raised within their service areas and falling within the scope of the Council's Income and Charging Policy Framework.

In the absence of the Head of Leisure and Culture, the Constitution gives the Strategic Director authority to exercise the delegated power of any Head of Service in her directorate.

Decision and Date

C. Traill - Agreed. 8.3.16

Background

Loughborough Town Hall galleries have now been operating for approximately 4 years and the practice of charging a commission on exhibition sales (rather than a rental charge for the space) has worked well in attracting a diverse range of artists to exhibit and a useful return for the space in terms of contributing to the overall cost of the venue.

A commission rate of 30% is considered appropriate, being a rate similar to other galleries and being sustainable for artists while also generating an income for the venue to contribute to the overall budget set for it. Gallery commission is designed to off-set the costs associated with Gallery sales and is not expected to generate a profit.

Comments from HR

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

No specific risks identified.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None