

Committee: Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee	Date: 5 th March 2018
Subject: Decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency since the last meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(A) in respect of :

City Arts Initiative (CAI) – ‘Chubby Hearts Over London’ – a proposal by Anya Hindmarch, in partnership with the Greater London Authority and Bloomberg.

‘Chubby Heart Takeover’ launched on Valentine’s Day 2018 and ran to the end of London Fashion Week (20th February 2018). The project was supported by the Mayor of London, as part of his ‘*London is Open*’ Campaign and it was also supported by the British Fashion Council. As this was a temporary installation, fixed to a moveable structure, and only in situ for one day, it did not require planning permission.

The 6.5m heart balloons floated above prominent locations over London, including Battersea Power Station, and ‘visited’ for a day between 7.45am and 5pm, before moving to another location the following day. The balloons were scheduled to visit between 14 and 21 February, with a contingency held up to 28 February in the event of delays.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main report

Reason for Urgency:

The City Arts Initiative (CAI) considered and agreed the above proposal at their meeting on 31 January 2018. An urgent decision was sought because formal consideration of the proposals, at the Meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee on 5 March 2018 would be too late for the project to be realised.

Action Taken

Given that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee also serve on the City Arts Initiative; the Town Clerk, in consultation with the two most senior Members of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, agreed to ratify the City Arts Initiative's recommendation in respect of a temporary artwork installation of 'Chubby Hearts Over London'.

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