

<b>Committee:</b> Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee	<b>Date:</b> 09 May 2025
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken between meetings: Approval of artwork 'GoWildlifeGo' at Paternoster Square	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Town Clerk & Chief Executive	<b>For Information</b>
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## **APPROVAL OF 'GOWILDLIFEGO' AT PATERNOSTER SQUARE**

### **Background**

The City Arts Initiative (CAI) met on 03 April 2025 to consider the proposal received by the CAI on 12 March 2025 to install the artwork GoWildlifeGo (a sculpture of animals on a scooter) by the artists Gillie and Marc at Paternoster Square to be installed on or around 25 April 2025, to January 2026.

CAI is a group made up of City Corporation officers, external arts experts and City of London Members, and agreed that the proposal be forwarded for approval by CHL.

The Paternoster Management Team confirmed that they will be responsible for the maintenance of the sculpture.

The aim of the sculpture is to educate the public and drive awareness of animal conservation, and will have a QR code for further information. The CAI panel noted the popularity of the sculptures among family audiences, and also questioned the extent of the artist's success in achieving the educational aims. More information has been requested around the fundraising elements, and the CAI panel has recommended that a different artist be explored for future installations given that this is the third year of Gillie and Marc at that location.

### **REASON FOR URGENCY:**

The installation was due to be installed on 25 April 2025, and the short timescale (consent from CoL Highways, and planning application submissions) was such that the CAI was only ready to formulate the request on 16 April 2025.

### **ACTION TAKEN:**

In consultation with the Chair of CHL and its most senior Member (in the absence of a Deputy Chair), the Town Clerk and Chief Executive approved the proposal on 28 April 2025.

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