

MEETING OF THE REVIEWING COMMITTEE ON THE EXPORT OF WORKS OF ART AND OBJECTS OF CULTURAL INTEREST (the Committee)

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 April 2022

NATIONAL GALLERY & VIDEO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE POLICY DISCUSSION

Present: Sir Hayden Phillips, Chair
Christopher Baker
Mark Hallett
Stuart Lochhead
Christopher Rowell
Pippa Shirley
Tim Pestell

Anastasia Tennant, Senior Policy Adviser, Arts Council England
Peter Rowlands, Senior Manager, Cultural Property, Arts Council England
Mafalda Raposo, Manager, Cultural Property, Arts Council England
Eleanor Maxwell, Cultural Property Officer, Arts Council England
Cecily Rainey, Manager, Acceptance in Lieu and Cultural Gifts
RCEWA legal adviser, DCMS

***AP** denotes action point

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 2022 and matters arising

1.1 Apologies received from Peter Barber, Committee member.

1.2 The minutes of the meeting, which had taken place on 2 March 2022, were considered and agreed.

***AP1:** The Secretariat to provide the Committee with details of the rules governing repatriation from national institutions. (carried forward)

***AP2:** The Secretariat to consult the Committee on any communication plan to mark the 70th anniversary of the publication of the Waverley Report. (carried forward)

***AP3:** The Secretariat to explore whether electronic copies of the Committee's reports since they were first published in 1953 could be placed on the website. (carried forward)

2. Update on current cases

2.1 A paper giving details of current deferrals had been circulated before the meeting.

2.2 The Committee discussed the *Portrait of Omai* by Sir Joshua Reynolds and the need for every avenue to be exhausted in trying to save this highly important item of our national heritage for the nation: its loss would be a major disaster.

3. Independent valuations

3.1 The Committee discussed the independent valuation process. The Secretariat to review the guidance provided to independent valuers and consider whether revision would be beneficial.

4. Any other business

5. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 May 2022

5.1 This was noted.