

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 October 2022

NATIONAL GALLERY & VIDEO CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF THE POLICY DISCUSSION

Present: Andrew Hochhauser KC, Chair
Peter Barber
Christopher Baker
Mark Hallett
Stuart Lochhead
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, Officer, Cultural Property, Arts Council England
Molly Byrne-Robinson, Officer, Cultural Property, Arts Council England
Frances Wilson, Manager, Export Licensing, Arts Council England
Sarah Posey, Director, Cultural Property, Arts Council England
Eva Gerretsen, Assistant, Cultural Property, Arts Council England
RCEWA legal adviser, DCMS

***AP** denotes action point

1. Welcome

1.1 The Committee welcomed the new Chair, Andrew Hochhauser KC.

2 Apologies

2.1 Apologies received from Christopher Rowell, Committee member.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2022 and matters arising

3.1 The minutes of the meeting, which had taken place on 14 September 2022, were considered and agreed.

3.2 There were two action points carried forward:

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

***AP2:** 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)

4 Update on current cases

- 4.1 A paper giving details of current deferrals had been circulated before the meeting.
- 4.2 The Committee discussed the current timings of press releases.

5 Press cuttings

- 5.1 The Committee discussed the potential new rules on museums' disposal of objects and noted that 'Restitution and Repatriation: A Practical Guide for Museums in England' was published by Arts Council in the Summer.

6 Update on Annual Report 2021-22

- 6.1 Committee was provided with the Policy section of the Annual Report and the secretariat confirmed that a submission to the Minister would be made shortly.

7 Update on Waverley anniversary

- 7.1 The Committee was informed on the progress of the Waverley Anniversary project. The secretariat confirmed that the refreshed RCEWA website had now been launched.

***AP:** Chairman requested to see the communications plan for the Waverley event.

8 Any other business

- 8.1 The dates for 2023 Committee meetings were agreed.
- 8.2 The Committee discussed one of the points raised in the Policy section of the Annual Report that was noted in the minutes of the 2022 meeting of the Working Party on Documents, Manuscripts and Archives (DWP).

***AP:** Secretariat to circulate DWP 2022 minutes to Chairman.

9 Date of next meeting: 9 November 2022, National Gallery

- 9.1 This was noted.