



Hartlepool
Borough Council

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Housing, Growth and Communities

Division:

Date of Decision / Issue
of Licence: 23/11/2025

Officer Making Decision: MS G PTAK

Subject / Description &
Reason for Decision:
(for publication)

This is a request for approval of a loan of artworks for The Weight of Being, a major partnership exhibition between Hartlepool Borough Council and Two Temple Place, running from 24 January to 19 April 2026. The project places Hartlepool's artistic heritage at the centre of a nationally profiled exhibition.

Requested items:

Ten oil paintings by John Wilson McCracken

One McCracken etching

One oil painting by Peter Knox

One oil painting by Lionel Bulmer

One oil painting by Margaret Green

Four photographs by John Bulmer

One acrylic painting by Simon Bartram

A selection of McCracken-related ephemera

Works are requested for collection w/c 1 December 2025.

All transport, packing, and insurance costs will be covered by Two Temple Place.

This loan significantly enhances Hartlepool's visibility on the national stage and directly supports our objective to champion and raise the profile of Hartlepool's art, artists, and cultural legacy.

Type of Decision:

Non Key

Nature of Delegation
Being Exercised:

EDACBS31 In consultation with the Chair of Housing, Growth and Communities Committee, accepting, disposing or loaning out objects where the value is less than £100,000.

Alternative Options
Considered & Rejected:

None. Either approve or reject

Any Declared Register of
Interest:

No

Other Considerations:

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

NAME: MS G PTAK

POSITION: Director of Housing, Growth & Communities

IN CONSULTATION WITH...

NAME: Pam Hargreaves

POSITION: Councillor