

**Agenda Item No:** 12

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 27 February 2012

**Report Title:** Request for a loan

**Report By:** Cathy Walling  
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**Purpose of Report**

to consider a request for the loan of the Turner watercolour

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**Recommendation(s)**

- 1. that the request for a loan be granted subject to conditions**

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

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## Introduction

1. A request has been received from the National Trust at Petworth House in West Sussex to borrow the watercolour 'Fish-Market, Hastings, 1824' for an exhibition entitled 'Turner's Sussex' from January to March 2013.

2. The National Trust are currently upgrading the exhibition room at Petworth to bring it up to a standard to stage more ambitious temporary shows, consistent with the internationally important art collection held there. They will be able to supply a full facilities report for the refurbished space and will apply for Government Indemnity to cover any loans, for which they will also cover associated costs.

3. 'Turner's Sussex' will expand upon the artist's well-known associations with Petworth by exploring the county in his work. The exhibition is supported by Tate Britain, who are lending 20 works, and by Lord Egremont, President of the Turner Society and the head of Petworth's resident donor family.

4. Hastings Museum's Turner watercolour is currently in store, having been on display for the last twelve months. It is recommended that it 'rests' for a year, in between periods of exhibition, to protect it from light and pollution.

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## Wards Affected

Castle

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## Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

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## Background Information

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