

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Record of a decision of the Service Director Culture Housing and Regulation, taken in consultation with Matthew Gladstone, Executive Directive Place.

Waiver for delivery of programme with the Caravan Gallery

Subject

Barnsley Museums wishes to commission 'Wombwell: Pride of Place Project' in collaboration with Wombwell's Principal Towns Programme.

The Caravan Gallery is a collaboration between artists and photographers Jan Williams and Chris Teasdale, who use colour photography to document the 'reality and surreality' of everyday life. Founded in 2000, The Caravan Gallery is a mobile exhibition space and itinerant social club on wheels, housed in a reincarnated 1969 yellow caravan. The venue has travelled thousands of miles taking contemporary art to unexpected locations and tens of thousands of people, both in Britain and abroad.

Inspired by tourist information brochures and the rose-tinted language of advertising, The Caravan Gallery 'Pride of Place Projects' have been running across the UK since 2011. The Projects invite the public to celebrate a more diverse and multifaceted view of their home towns. This is realised through the creation of temporary exhibition spaces and alternative visitor information centres in their caravan, in community and alternative spaces. These projects have a national reputation for engaging communities and generating significant artistic outputs.

The Project will use The Caravan Gallery's photographs of Wombwell as a starting point for a pop-up gallery in venues along and near Wombwell High Street. Produced in partnership with local arts and community organisations the project will be part evolving exhibition, part alternative visitor information centre, giving local people an opportunity to explore their surroundings in a creative way by contributing to the displays. The project will feed into and inform the use of BMBC Principal Towns funding through creative engagement with the people of Wombwell, helping to identify priorities and collect ideas.

The Caravan Gallery visited Wombwell for 8 days in 2018 to produce photographs and to establish community contacts and this work builds on that initial engagement.

'Pride of Place Projects' are the Caravan Gallery's artistic practice and cannot be delivered by anyone else.

Name of Supplier **The Caravan Gallery**
Contract Value **£20,000**
Contract Dates **12 September 2019 – 12 October 2019**

Background Papers

Brief for programme with the Caravan Gallery

Decision Taken

Agreed to waiver and appoint the Caravan Gallery to deliver this bespoke piece of work.

Date of Decision:

7 August 2019



Signature:
Matt Gladstone

Executive Director Place