

**OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

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

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**Allocation of funding of £16,000 from Wentworth and Elsecar Great Place to:**

- **Exhibit Gaia by Luke Jerram in Wentworth Woodhouse, Barnsley Town Centre and Rotherham Town Centre.**

**Subject**

The Board of Wentworth and Elscar Great Place, a partnership between BMBC, RMBC and Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust, funded by the national Great Place Scheme (Arts Council England, National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England) propose to commission Luke Jerram Ltd to bring his Gaia artwork to Barnsley and Rotherham for a 4 week period.

This commission is being led by Barnsley Museums and WE Great Place as part of WE Wonder Noir and Barnsley Bright Nights. This artwork could not be delivered to the required quality level by any other artist or contactor.

**Background Papers**

<https://my-earth.org/about/>

Measuring seven metres in diameter, Gaia features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface\*. The artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet on this scale, floating in three dimensions.

The installation aims to create a sense of the Overview Effect, which was first described by author Frank White in 1987. Common features of the experience for astronauts are a feeling of awe for the planet, a profound understanding of the interconnection of all life, and a renewed sense of responsibility for taking care of the environment. Watch this great film about the phenomenon.

A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award winning Composer Dan Jones is played alongside the sculpture. In Greek Mythology Gaia is the personification of the Earth.

The artwork is 1.8 million times smaller than the real Earth with each centimetre of the internally lit sculpture describing 18km of the Earth's surface. By standing 211m away from the artwork, the public will be able to see the Earth as it appears from the moon.

Technical Specification available should it be required.

**Decision Taken**

Agreed to the waiver for Luke Jerram Ltd, valued at £16,000 from the externally funded Wentworth and Elscar Great Place budget.

**Date of Decision: 30.10.19.**

Service Director Regeneration and Culture

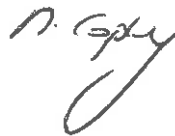
David Shepherd

Signature:

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Service Director Finance

Neil Copley

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