



# Management Policy

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## 1. Falmouth Art Gallery

1.1 Falmouth Art Gallery is a service of Falmouth Town Council. It abides by the policies approved by Falmouth Town Council.

1.2 The art gallery provides quarterly reports to the Art Gallery Committee of Falmouth Town Council.

1.3 The gallery's Purpose, Vision, Mission and Values are set and approved by the Town Council in the *Service Forward Plan*.

1.4 Falmouth Art gallery endorses the definition of a museum that is given by the UK Museums Association

*'Museums are for people to explore and learn from collections for understanding and inspiration. To do this a museum collects, safeguards, researches, develops, makes accessible and interprets collections and associated information which it holds in trust for society.'*

1.5 It is this definition which defines the gallery's purpose. Falmouth Art Gallery abides by the recommendations and codes of practice set by the UK Museums Association, and follows the Museums Association's ethical code.

1.6 As its museum function its priority is the stewardship of Falmouth Town Council's collection of works of art. As an Art Gallery its aim is to provide a yearly programme of exhibitions which stimulate and educate as wide an audience as possible. Falmouth Art Gallery also exists to make freely accessible to as wide an audience as possible the works in its collection and the artists associated with it.

## 2. Terms of management

3.1 The policy of Falmouth Town Council who by their successor status ensures the continuation of the preservation, documentation and accessibility of the oil paintings and engravings of the Alfred A de Pass collection and other works donated to the Town of Falmouth.

3.2 Falmouth Town Council in their desire to encourage and foster the display of a wide range of Works of Art provided an Art Gallery whereby under the supervision of a qualified Curator have annually displayed works of art in their ownership, within a schedule of such works of other artists or crafts persons which justified public support.

3.3 Falmouth Town Council provides a conservation budget to ensure the preservation of works of art whilst either in storage or on display, to obtain a standard worthy of the aims of the donors.

3.4 Falmouth Town Council may not by the terms of the original documentation dispose of works of art in their possession (*see Acquisition and Disposal Policy*).

3.5 Falmouth Town Council will not enter into agreement, purchase or receive any work of art, specimen or object that would contravene the protection of wildlife; natural history; archaeological antiquities; Treasure Trove; Bona Vacantia; Protection of Birds or that which is afforded such protection by National or International agreements.

3.6 Falmouth Town Council policy includes a review from time to time of the security, insurance, legal and safety requirements of the Art Gallery to ensure compliance with the appropriate regulations or statutory requirements to ensure enjoyment of the gallery by members of the public or exhibiting artists where so applicable.

3.7 Falmouth Town Council annually prescribe a financial budget whose income is derived from the precept upon the Community Charge or sundry income which affords the annual operation of Falmouth Art Gallery. In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972 and successor legislation so determines audit of these accounts by the District Auditor.

3.8 Falmouth Town Council Policy so determines by reason of the terms of the donation that disposal of works of art is not permissible but such material may be afforded a loan for a period to be determined to another Museum or Art Gallery which would be beneficial to all parties concerned.

3.9 Falmouth Town Council by provision of their standing orders review their policy every five years making the next review date of the policy 2013 or when so advised by their proper officer to ensure the conformity with the advice of the appropriate professional Museums and Galleries bodies.

***This policy was passed by Falmouth Town Council on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008***

