

Art on the new Porritt Park Toilets

TO Thames Community Board
FROM Derek Thompson - Parks Contracts Officer
DATE 9 June 2015
SUBJECT **Art on the new Porritt Park Toilets**

1 Purpose of Report

To seek approval from the Board for the installation of public art on the new Porritt Park toilets exterior park facing wall.

2 Background

The current public toilets at Porritt Park are to be replaced. Work has begun off-site on pre-fabrication of the structure which is due to be installed on-site in July 2015.

3 Issue

The Guild of Public Artists have identified an opportunity to provide some public art by utilising the 'blank canvas' represented by the exterior wall of the toilet block that faces into the park.

The Guild of Public Artists propose that the public art be provided by running a competition for young artists to be judged by Paul Silvester (see **Attachment B** - Paul Silvester's CV), who would also work with the winning children to translate their design onto the building.

It is also proposed that the Michael Smither rainbow colour palette be used to provide a link between the Underfoot gallery, Brown Street bollards, art work at Thames South School, Jacobs Ladder and the Hauraki Terrace Playground.

4 Discussion

As the art work would be on a public toilet within Council reserve land the approval from the Board is required for the building to be used for public art and the proposed mechanism for the art work to be provided.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Art on the new Porritt Park Toilets report.
2. Approves the concept in principle.
3. Invites the Guild of Public Artists to propose the project using the T'ART Up Thames Project Application and Assessment Criteria form.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Art on Porritt Park toilets proposal*

Attachment B *Paul Silvester's CV*

Attachment A - Art on Porritt Park toilets proposal

[Attachment B - Dr Paul Silvester's CV](#)