

# Tunbridge Wells Cultural & Learning Hub

## Stakeholder Update – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Latest news:

The time has finally come to announce the appointment of the design team!



*Library and Museum building*

### Architect:

Purcell, an award-winning firm of architects and historic building consultants, were announced as lead architects for the project following a competitive process. Purcell has 13 offices around the UK and has extensive experience in the heritage and cultural field, including the £36.5m Sammy Ofer wing of the National Maritime Museum.

[www.purcelluk.com](http://www.purcelluk.com)

### Interpretation Designer:

In addition to this there is further positive news for the project with the appointment of interpretation designers Metaphor to work with Purcell and bring the proposed new hub to life - ensuring that the building tells the 'stories' of Tunbridge Wells, and has the right flow, look and feel.

[www.metaphor.eu](http://www.metaphor.eu)

Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities Mike Hill said:

"We're delighted to announce the appointment of Purcell as lead architects and Metaphor as the interpretation designers for this exciting project. Together they will consult with the

public and listen to their feedback to deliver a shared space for the people of Tunbridge Wells and future generations."

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent County Council are working in partnership on the project which will bring together the Tunbridge Wells museum, art gallery, library, adult education centre, tourist information centre and Gateway into one shared, modernised and inspiring new building.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Cabinet member Councillor Jane March said: "The appointment of the lead architects is an exciting milestone that marks the start of the next phase in this transformational project."

Both councils, with support from Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England, are committed to working together to deliver the £12.3m project for the people of Tunbridge Wells Borough, Town and beyond.



*Adult Education building*

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about this update please email:

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