

### **Matters Arising update – Swale Media Arts Centre Lease**

The property is jointly owned by Swale Borough Council and U&I Ltd under the partnership name of Spirit of Sittingbourne.

The joint partner required a 'Deed of Variation' to be agreed and signed prior to approval of the lease terms being signed off.

Due to staff changes the Swale Council appointed directors of the Spirit of Sittingbourne had to be changed and this took sometime to complete as it involved Company's House approval.

Following Registration of the newly appointed directors a Deed of Variation to the Partnership agreement was agreed subject to Swale Council Approval, delegated to the Leader of the Council. This Deed has now been completed and signed off by 9th June 2022 via Mid Kent Legal Services and between the respective parties.

In order to gain access to the property and under-take tenants works the Swale Media Arts Centre were allowed to take occupation on a 'Tenancy at Will' commencing 29th July 2021.

A lease has been agreed and signed by both parties and will complete immediately with the Deed of Variation. The lease term will be effective from 29th July 2021 for a term of 5 years without review. The lease is subject to a rent-free period from date of lease commencement.

A number of outstanding works of repair have been agreed which will be undertaken through the Council's property department.

Interim Property Services Manager