

**QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC**

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Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

<b>Question submitted by:</b> James Knight
<b>To the Cabinet Member or Chair for:</b> Cllr Penberthy
<b>To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting:</b> Cabinet
<b>Date:</b> 09 February 2026
<b>Question (to be no longer than 50 words):</b>  With recent sea front storm damage should the Gormley statue be moved? Moving to Belvedere vicinity will allow better access for all and make it more prominent and protect it more, it's currently hidden, exposed, rusting and liable to be washed away.
<b>Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?</b> No, but will be watching online.
<b>Response:</b> (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)  The pier was significantly strengthened in this area, with the statue's foundations drilled into bed rock. This was anticipating future weather conditions and was a significant investment at the time. This investment was match-funded with the support of Arts Council England funding for public art.  There was a selection process and Sir Antony Gormley was selected as the artist. He chose the location.