

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Arts and Heritage Committee - 18 June 2001

REPORT ON: Double Take: Dundee - 50 Years Of Change

REPORT BY: Director of Arts and Heritage

REPORT NO: 351-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee of the exhibition 'Double Take' and its supporting programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee approves the contents of this report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The estimated total cost of the exhibition and its supporting programme is £8,000 which can be met from the Arts and Heritage Department's 2001-2002 revenue budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The project provides access to facilities, goods and services not achieved at expense of the environment and the project encourages the public to consider the provision and needs of a sustainable environment.

4.2 The project's events programme is designed to encourage the sustainable use of resources.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This project supports the principle of making Dundee a more family friendly and barrier-free city, in terms of the issues it addresses, and the community based events being held, which cater particularly for young people, the elderly and disadvantaged groups.

5.2 The project aims to foster the integrity of local urban communities: to encourage a sense of identity and pride of association through best urban design practice, and through this to attract newcomers to the city and encourage existing populations to stay.

5.3 The project aims to provide a forum for on-going dialogue about aspects of Dundee's local/social history, through informal reminiscence groups and as part of information gathering for future development needs.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The exhibition will take place from 30 June - 2 September 2001, and feature as part of the 'Summer In The City'. It aims to serve the local population as well as to attract visitors to the city.

The exhibition will consist of architectural and townscape paintings by the Dundee born artist Andrew Neilson depicting Dundee during the 1950's and 1960's, alongside contemporary photographs of the sites. The areas of the town represented are the Overgate, the Wellgate, the Hilltown, the High Street, the Nethergate, the Harbour and Waterfront. Most of these have been significantly changed by redevelopment in the past half-century.

The exhibition will include archival material and historic and modern film footage, supplied by Neighbourhood Resources and Development, Planning and Transportation and Support Services (Archives). Dundee Contemporary Arts Ltd also collaborated in preparing the exhibition.

- 6.2 The project will inform people about the significance of historic buildings and of the townscape featured. It aims to raise awareness of the local heritage by encouraging visitors to visit the sites featured in the exhibition as they presently exist. It will play a part in stimulating enquiry and debate on the principles and practice of good town planning and architecture towards sustainable urban renewal.

The events programme will highlight the role of science and the arts, crafts and design in the process of preserving and developing coherent townscapes and integrated communities.

The programme includes holiday and weekend workshop activities for young people, guided tours for adults and reminiscence sessions on old Dundee for retirement groups.

- 6.3 The public events programme will be launched on Saturday 30 June 2001 at McManus Galleries with a slide-presentation on the City Centre regeneration scheme at 2.00 pm followed by the first reminiscence group on 'The Hilltown' at 3.00. Music will be provided by 'Elles Belles' following their performance at the Hilltown Fun Day. There will also be Young People's Events in McManus Galleries Activity Room.

- 6.4 Summer holiday midweek workshops for playscheme groups will be held during the weeks beginning 2 July, 9 July, 16 July and 6 August. They will follow the theme of 'Buildings About You', to include the following options:

- mapping, with town plans, paint, collage and drawing
- windows and glass, working with photographs, acetate and tissue
- design and construction, using card, prints and projection

These sessions are designed for primary age children plus children with special needs, drawn from local community playschemes and similar projects. Groups attending will be accompanied by playscheme workers and volunteers.

Groups which have expressed an interest in taking part, as an integral part of their own summer activities, include 'Schools Out' After School Club, Broughty Ferry, Charleston, Menzieshill and Barnardos Playschemes; Mid-Lin Summer Project and Whitfield Activity Complex.

6.5 Saturday Workshops for Children begin on the 18 August with a Creative Workshop for 8 - 12 Years 1 - 3 pm. **Looking at Line and Shade** will examine the shapes of buildings in the exhibition creating models of high rise tower blocks in plastic and collage.

On 25 August there will be a Family Workshop for under 8 years olds (to be accompanied by an adult) from 1 - 3 pm.

Designing Towns - Old and New will interpret the exhibition and create models of buildings old and new.

On 1 September there will be workshops entitled **Take Yourself to Another City** which will look at some unusual buildings then design models, 12 - 1.00 pm 8 - 12 year old, 1.30 - 2.30 pm Under 8s (to be accompanied by an adult).

6.6 Adult Events include, Reminiscence Groups led by artswoker Ruth Donnolly, in a programme entitled **Down Memory Lane**

There will be guided tours of the exhibition with entertainment on Old Dundee. Designed for senior citizens, the event will start at 3pm. Charge £2.00 for refreshments.

Saturday 30 June	The Hilltown and Wellgate
Wednesday 25 July	The Hilltown and Wellgate
Thursday 26 July	Overgate and Westport
Friday 27 July	Dundee Waterfront: Shipping and Whaling
Wednesday 1 August	The Hilltown and Wellgate
Thursday 2 August	Overgate and Westport
Friday 3 August	Dundee Waterfront: Shipping and Whaling

The Talks and Guided Tours programme includes:-

Saturday	30 June	Dundee City Centre Regeneration; a slide presentation by Lorna McKenzie 2 pm
Thursday	12 July	'Rediscovering Scotland's Second City: Dundee' by Professor C McKean, Dept of History, University of Dundee 6.30 pm
Saturday	14 July	Guided Tour Old Dundee and its preserved buildings Start at McManus Galleries 2 pm
Thursday	19 July	Conservation and Town Planning by Neil Grieve, Dundee College of Art 6.30 pm
Saturday	21 July	Guided Tour Dundee Waterfront, Meet at Discovery Point 2 pm
Thursday	9 August	'Reinterpreting Juteopolis' by Prof C Whatley, Dept of History, University of Dundee McManus Galleries 6.30 pm
Saturday	11 August	Guided Tour Textile Mills and other 19th century architecture Meet Verdant Works at 2 pm
Thursday	16 August	'Modern Architecture and Town Planning: the Dundee Award Winners' 6.30 pm (speaker to be confirmed)

Saturday	18 August	Guided Tour Modern Architectural Award Winners Start at McManus Galleries 2 pm
Thursday	30 August	Open Forum 'Urban Renewal Challenges of 21st Century' An opportunity to hear the experts and to present your own views. Chaired by Cllr Robin Presswood, Convener of Arts and Heritage and Planning and Transportation Committees, Dundee City Council McManus Galleries 6.30 pm

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Director of Planning and Transportation have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its content.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____