

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 17 May 2004

REPORT ON: Exhibition at Camperdown House

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 363-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the forthcoming exhibition "HERO OF CAMPERDOWN : Admiral Adam Duncan, 1731 – 1804 : A Bicentenary Exhibition".

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the content of this report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The estimated cost of mounting the exhibition is £20,000 which can be met from a special allocation from the Common Good Fund in 2004/05.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The project supports the principles: "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are available to all" and "access to the skills, knowledge and information needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The project enhances the position of cultural and heritage resources for all age groups.
- 5.2 The project provides opportunities for people of all ages regardless of ability, social background, race, sex or disadvantage.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The exhibition will run in Camperdown House, Camperdown Park from Saturday 19 June to Sunday 5 September 2004. It will be open 12 noon – 4pm from Wednesday to Sunday.
- 6.2 This special exhibition, funded by Dundee City Council's Common Good Fund, marks the Bicentenary of the death of Dundee-born Adam Duncan - Scotland's supreme Naval Hero - who died 200 years ago on August 4 1804. Admiral of the British Fleet in the North Sea, Duncan won a Glorious Victory over the Dutch Navy at the Battle of Camperdown on 11 October 1797 and was immediately created Viscount Camperdown.
- 6.3 Duncan's exploits were commemorated in a brilliant series of paintings and engravings of the actual battle and portraits of Duncan himself. Some of these, including an oil portrait of Captain Duncan aged 30 by Sir Joshua Reynolds, are being specially lent by the National Galleries of Scotland and the National Museums of Scotland.
- 6.4 Among the treasures are personal Duncan relics such as the ship's drum from his flagship, the 'Venerable', and the bronze bell captured from de Winter's flagship, 'Vryheid'. Duncan even had chairs made from the wood from captured Dutch ships.
- 6.5 Other exhibits include colourful jugs, cameos and commemorative medals which were rushed out as souvenirs to capture the enthusiastic celebrations of the moment.
- 6.6 Volunteers from 'The Friends of Camperdown House' will be available during visiting hours to assist with staffing the exhibition. More information on the exhibition and other

Bicentenary Celebrations is available from their website, www.camperdownfriends.org.uk

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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