

REPORT TO: ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE - 20 NOVEMBER 2000

REPORT ON: SCOTTISH CULTURAL RESOURCES ACCESS NETWORK

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND HERITAGE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the continued participation of the Arts & Heritage Department in the Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network (SCRAN) through the Camperdown Consortium.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the project is £3,096 of which £1,263 has been received as a grant from SCRAN and £835 from the Admiral Duncan Trust. The Balance of £998 will be met from the Arts and Heritage 2000/01 Revenue Budget. In-kind contributions covering photography costs and staff costs will be made by the National Galleries of Scotland and the National Museums of Scotland.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The project supports the principles: "Opportunities for culture leisure and recreation are available to all" "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 SCRAN is a partnership between the Scottish Museums Council, National Museums of Scotland and the Royal Commission of Historical Monuments of Scotland. Financed by a Millennium Grant, SCRAN aims to create an educational bank of over one million records and images by April 2001 which will be made available to educational establishments worldwide on the Internet.

6.2 The Camperdown Consortium is made up of the Camperdown project partners, Dundee City Council Arts and Heritage Department, the National Galleries of Scotland, the National Museums of Scotland and the Admiral Duncan Camperdown Trust.

6.3 The partners will document and photograph important artefacts regarding the Battle of Camperdown held by the three institutions and a private collector. Dundee Arts and Heritage as the lead partner, will be responsible for the supervision of a part-time contract worker, based at the McManus Galleries, who will carry out the work on behalf of the partners.

6.4 All Users, schools, colleges and any license holder can access SCRAN via their web site and search all SCRAN records for full information and thumbnail images in the "search" mode. Educational licensees of SCRAN can get access to full-sized images. The project partner institutions will receive copies of images and records on twin CD-ROMs which they could make available to the general visiting public.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____