

11 McMANUS GALLERIES – GALLERY 4 (AN428-2004)

The Committee is requested to note that Gallery 4 (the Albert Hall) at McManus Galleries has now closed for duntakings as the first physical step towards the "Who We Are" McManus redevelopment project.

Works on loan from the National Galleries of Scotland and the National Museum of Scotland are to be returned by Christmas 2004 and Dundee City Council collections to be packed to clear a marshalling area for the packing of items from the stores in readiness for the decant of collections to the Barrack Street Collections Unit during Autumn 2005.

This is a major exercise involving an estimated 150,000 objects which all need to be correctly identified, risk assessed for removal, conserved as necessary and safely packed.

The major part of this work is being undertaken in-house to minimise cost to the Council. This exercise will inevitably impact on the availability of staff for other duties such as enquiries and picture loans and the Committee is asked to bear this in mind in relation to requests from the Heritage Section.