

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 21 April 2003

REPORT ON: KEITH BROCKIE : RURAL PORTRAITS.

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 293-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Committee of the forthcoming exhibition KEITH BROCKIE : RURAL PORTRAITS: Paintings from the new book by Polly Pullar 'Rural Portraits : Scottish Native Farm Animals, Characters and Landscapes' and its supporting programme.

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 £3,000 which will be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's 2003/2004 Revenue Budget.

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 the McManus Galleries from Friday 16 May to Sunday 15 June 2003. Launched in Dundee, it will go on to tour at The Royal Highland Show, Ingliston and the Museum of Scottish Country Life.
- 6.2 Keith Brockie, who graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in 1978, has become one of Scotland's best known and most celebrated wildlife artists. His long awaited new exhibition project is a new departure for him. 115 of his paintings and drawings are the original artworks which illustrate a new book on the entire range of Scottish native breeds of farm animals researched and written by Polly Pullar. The breeds include Highland Cattle, Soay sheep, splendid Clydesdale horses and many more.
- 6.3 The Private View, which will coincide with the Book Launch, will be held on Thursday 15 May at 7pm for 7.30pm.
- 6.4 The Museum Shop will be selling signed copies of the illustrated book "Rural Portraits: Scottish Native Farm Animals, Characters and Landscapes", price £28. A range of artist's prints will also be on sale.

6.5 Two free admission events have been planned: 'Meet the Artist: Guided Tour by Keith Brockie' on Wednesday 21 May at 2pm; and 'Meet the author: Talk by Polly Pullar' on Saturday 14 June at 2pm. Polly Pullar is a specialist in countryside and farming matters.

6.6 It is anticipated that the exhibition will be featured on the BBC's Sunday morning 'Landward' programme.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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