

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Art and Communities Committee - 8 June 2009

REPORT ON: Recognition Funding from Museums Galleries Scotland for the Dundee Whaling History Project

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 297-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee that an award of £39,813 has been made from the Museums Galleries Scotland Recognition Scheme to undertake the Dundee Whaling History Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the implementation of the Dundee Whaling History Project, as described below.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure can be fully contained within the award from Museums Galleries Scotland and contributions from other partners.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 In January 2008, at a meeting of the Scottish Museums Council Recognition Committee, a decision was made to award Recognition to Dundee's Whaling and Art Collections (Agenda Note AN20-2008). This status enables applications for Recognition Scheme funding for projects related to the Art and Whaling and Collections to be submitted for consideration. In June 2008 (Report Number 311-2008), funding was awarded for conservation and glazing of works of art. A subsequent application was made in March of this year for the Whaling Collection, resulting in the funding detailed in this report.

4.2 The Project will demonstrate excellence in museums collections management by thoroughly researching the whaling collection of held by the Arts and Heritage Section. It will record this information in a sustainable format which is accessible to the public, researchers, and future guardians of the collection. It will increase awareness and raise the profile of the collection locally, nationally and internationally through research, interpretation, promotion and specialist knowledge.

4.3 Collaborators

Further significant information about the Dundee Whaling Industry is held within the Library and Information Section, the Archive and Record Centre, and the University of Dundee's Archive Services. Arts and Heritage will take the lead in this Project and, and will coordinate the research and integration of whaling related information from these partners. This city-wide approach will ensure that standards of collections management are raised, and that public access is increased.

4.4 The award included costs to recruit and appoint a Project Officer for a period not exceeding one year.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents. (These Officers must be consulted on any report together with any other officers, agencies, Trade Unions or stakeholders as appropriate).

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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