

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 16 June 2003**

**REPORT ON: Camperdown House Exhibition 2003**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts**

**REPORT NO: 395-2003**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Committee of the temporary exhibition and associated developments at Camperdown House.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Committee note and support the content of this report.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The total cost of this project is £51,000 of which £6,500 can be met from the Leisure and Arts Revenue Budget for 2003/04. The remaining sum of £44,500 will be met through a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The exhibition supports the principles that “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 Admission to this exhibition in Camperdown House will be free of charge. The project enhances the provision of Cultural and Heritage resources for all age groups. It will provide opportunities for people of all ages regardless of ability, social background, race, sex or disadvantage.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 A temporary exhibition at Camperdown House will open to the public on 26 July and close on 12 October 2003. The Heritage Lottery Fund is providing a grant of £44,500 to make the event possible.

6.2 The exhibition will focus on Dundee’s maritime history. The house and park have strong seafaring connections as the estate takes its name from the Battle of Camperdown which was fought at sea off the Dutch coast by Admiral Adam Duncan in 1797. The display will highlight rarely seen paintings of ships and objects with a nautical theme. Ground floor rooms will house the exhibition, namely the former Dining Room, Library and Salon.

6.3 The exhibition has the full support of the Friends of Camperdown House and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Friends are organising volunteers to be present when the house is open to allow improved interpretation and to supplement Leisure and Arts staff during the exhibition.

6.4 Negotiations are underway to provide a tea and cakes type refreshment facility within the house for the duration of the exhibition.

6.5 It is proposed that the Friends of Camperdown House will host an opening reception on Friday 25 July at 7pm to celebrate the occasion.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance 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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