

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

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

REPORT ON: McManus Galleries Exhibition - Revealed! Ten Years Of Collecting

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 422-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the forthcoming exhibition “Revealed! Ten Years Of Collecting ” 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 £5000 which can be met from the Leisure and Arts Department Revenue Budget for 2003/04.

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 11 July to Sunday 21 September 2003.
- 6.2 This ground-breaking exhibition displays outstanding examples of what the Museum has been collecting over the last ten years. This includes Fine and Decorative Art, Local and Social History, Archaeology, Numismatics and Foreign Ethnography and Natural History.
- 6.3 The show examines not only what is collected but also how and why ie purchase, donation or fieldwork. Visitor feedback will be actively sought.
- 6.4 With hundreds of individual items, the variety of material is staggering. There are some stunning contemporary art and crafts. Other highlights include archaeological material dug up in Dundee’s High Street, a model of the record-breaking seaplanes the ‘Maia’ and ‘Mercury’, a Sinclair ZX Spectrum made by Timex in 1980s, and the Derek Robertson Bequest of exotic butterflies. Even dead birds which are handed in by the public are beautifully mounted by our taxidermist.
- 6.5 A full and innovative series of children’s workshops is organised for the summer holidays. ‘The Saturday Set’, fun workshops for children aged 5 – 10 years runs from 12 July to 16 August. Exciting two-part workshops for 10 – 12 years children including handling sessions with curators, will commence on 15 July for five weeks. The fees are £2 a session.
- 6.6 Five adult sessions (free admission) are programmed under the heading “Meet the Curator”: This is a chance to meet six of the Museum’s experts and discuss their interests and

enthusiasms. These will run every Wednesday at 1pm from 20 August until 17 September.

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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