

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

17 February 2009

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio Holder)

Officers: David Worthington, Museums and Heritage Manager
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

22. Loan of Painting ‘Shell Building Site’ by Frank Auerbach *(Museums and Heritage Manager)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To inform on possible loan of the painting ‘Shell Building Site’ by Frank Auerbach.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report focused on the requested loan of the painting for an exhibition about Auerbach at the Courtauld Gallery in London scheduled to take place October 2009 – January 2010. All transport and insurance costs would be covered by Courtauld Gallery and the loan of the painting would help raise the profile of the collections of Hartlepool Museums and Heritage Service.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the loan of the painting to the Courtauld Gallery, London.

23. Tees Archaeology: Books on the Archaeology of Hartlepool *(Museum and Heritage Manager)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To provide an update on the previously published book on the Anglo Saxon Monastery and to notify progress on the book on the Medieval Town and to confirm funding of the latter book.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

In the last few years Tees Archaeology had been drawing together all the archaeological information about Hartlepool Headland to produce books on the Anglo-Saxon Monastery and Medieval Town. The Anglo-Saxon Monastery volume was published at the end of 2007 and was hoped to publish the Medieval Town volume in Summer 2009. The Museum and Heritage Manager informed the Portfolio Holder that since the report had been submitted the Museums Libraries and Archives Council's Renaissance programme had agreed to provide the £3,000 originally asked for so there would be no financial cost to the Authority.

The Portfolio Holder stressed the importance of availability of local history for the people of the area.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the successful publication and subsequent sales of 'Anglo-Saxon Hartlepool and the Foundation of English Christianity'.

The Portfolio Holder also noted the progress towards publication of the volume on Medieval Hartlepool.

The meeting concluded at 2.10 pm

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