

Purchase of a work by Richard Demarco

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest

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Purpose of report

- 1 To consider the purchase of a work by Richard Demarco.

Main report

- 2 The following work by Richard Demarco (b.1930) is offered for sale:

Title: **Edinburgh from Salisbury Crag**

Medium: Pencil and wash

- 3 Richard Demarco is a household name in Edinburgh. Best known for bringing exciting new art to the city in the 1960s and 70s, he continues working to promote the visual arts in the city, as well as acting as an ambassador for the city in his constant travels. Although less well known as a practising artist, he is a very accomplished draftsman and a tireless recorder of his native city.
- 4 This drawing shows in some detail a part of the south side of Edinburgh that has changed much in recent years. Drawn with a panoramic viewpoint from Salisbury Crag, the work delineates a view of the city that is familiar to both residents and visitors.
- 5 The collection already contains a number of works by Richard Demarco, including drawings, watercolours and prints.
- 6 The work is being sold by the Phoenix 369 Gallery of Edinburgh. The price is as follows:

Edinburgh from Salisbury Crag: £1,200.00
- 7 Should the Committee approve the purchase of the prints, an application would be made for grant aid for up to a maximum of 50% of the cost from the National Fund for Acquisitions.

Recommendations

8 Acquire this work by Richard Demarco.



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Appendices	N/A
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Wards affected	City Wide
Background Papers	The Jean F Watson Bequest files are held by the Museums and Arts Division