

Update on the National Collecting Scheme for Scotland

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest

16 March 2007

Purpose of report

- 1 To update the Committee on the National Collecting Scheme for Scotland.

Main report

2. At the meeting on 30 November 2007, the Committee approved the City Art Centre's continuing participation in the National Collecting Scheme for Scotland. The scheme was initiated in 2003, the City Art Centre being one of six participating galleries. The scheme was made possible through major investment from the National Lottery through the Scottish Arts Council. A list of the ten works acquired during the initial phase was presented at that meeting.
3. In 2007/08 three additional works were acquired through the scheme which has continued with the ongoing support of the Scottish Arts Council. The three works were a painting by Janice McNab, four drawings by Donald Urquhart and a video installation by Johanna Billing. The total cost of the works was £19,400, with £4,000 coming from the Watson Bequest, £8,000 from the Scottish Arts Council, and £7400 from the National Fund for Acquisitions.
4. The scheme is continuing in the current financial year and the City Art Centre has successfully applied for a grant towards the purchase of a photographic lightbox by Catherine Yass. The price of the work is £16,000 and a grant of £7,500 has been awarded by the Scottish Arts Council. Additional funding will be sought from other sources.
5. It is proposed that the City Art Centre should continue to participate in the National Collecting Scheme for Scotland, and commit up to £4,000 for the Jean F Watson Bequest in the current financial year and an additional £4,000 in the next financial year, if the Scheme continues to be financially supported by the Scottish Arts Council in 2009/10.

Financial Implications

6. The funds for the participation in the National Collecting Scheme for Scotland will come from the Jean F Watson Bequest, with additional funding will be sought from other sources.

Environmental impact

7. N/A

Recommendations

8. Approve the City Art Centre's continuing participation in the National Collecting Scheme for Scotland.


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Appendices	None
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Wards affected	City Wide
Background Papers	The Jean F Watson Bequest files are held at the City Art Centre