

Agenda Item No: 9

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 17 September 2012

Report Title: Request for extension to loan of painting from Museum collection

Report By: Cathy Walling
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Purpose of Report

to report on a request for the extension of the loan of the Turner watercolour

Recommendation(s)

1. that the loan is recommended for approval

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

1. This item was not included on the Agenda as the request was received on 12 September 2012.
2. A response to the request is required by the organising institution, the National Maritime Museum, as soon as possible.
3. At the September 2011 Museum Committee it was agreed to approve the loan of the JMW Turner watercolour 'Hastings: Fishmarket on the Sands' to a major exhibition at the National Maritime Museum from November 2013 to March 2014. The exhibition, 'Turner and the Art of the Sea' will be a landmark reappraisal of the subject.
4. The National Maritime Museum has agreed a second venue for the exhibition, which will be moving to the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem from 4 June to 1 September 2014. The organisers are keen for as many of the works as possible to travel onto the second venue, and wish to include the Hastings Turner.
5. The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, is a major US museum with important collections of maritime and world art. Many of the collections date back to the parent foundation in 1799.
6. The Hastings Turner watercolour is currently resting in store and will be then going on display at Petworth from January to March 2013.
7. Hastings Museum and Art Gallery will put the Turner on display for 6-8 weeks in the summer of 2013, between the loan dates. It could then be shown again in 2015, after another few months of rest.
8. All insurance, packing, transportation, security and environmental conditions and costs will be covered by the receiving venues.
9. The 'Turner and the Art of the Sea' exhibition represents a major opportunity for the Hastings painting to reach a wide audience in prestigious venues. It is recommended that permission is given for the extension to the loan.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

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Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

Background Information

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