

Agenda Item No: 5

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 February 2013

Report Title: Curator's Report

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Museum Curator

Purpose of Report

to provide an update on issues arising from previous meetings and confirmation of Curator's actions

Recommendation(s)

- 1. the report is for noting**

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

This report updates members on matters carried over from previous meetings and other items not included on the agenda.

1. The Museum's painting of the Fishmarket by J.M.W. Turner is currently on display at Petworth House. The exhibition 'Turner's Sussex' runs until 13 March.
2. The ACE sponsored Conservation project for S.E. Museums has now decided which of the proposals to complete. Hastings Museum will receive a store assessment, a paintings collection assessment, item assessments of a map and panorama and the conservation of a ceramic asparagus tureen. A textile conservator will also visit to prepare an estimate for the conservation of original seat covers in the Durbar Hall.
3. The Museum' Access and Learning Policy is currently out to consultation. The results of this process and the final draft policy will be brought to the June Committee.
4. Two further meeting of the group looking at developing Heritage Trails have been held. Trails for Architecture/Buildings, Notable Women, Robert Tressell and the top 25 Blue Plaques have been developed. It is hoped they will be available in the Spring.
5. Permission has been given for the reproduction of a Burton plan of Regents Park for a book on the 170 year history of UCL School of Pharmacy, by Briony Hudson. Permission was also given for the reproduction of an image of a Hawaiian feather cloak for an essay by Sophie Thomas called "Feather Cloaks and English Collectors" which will appear in an edited collection called Objects of Inquiry and Exchange: Eighteenth-Century Thing Theory in a Global Context. This is a scholarly book with a print run of 1,000- 2,000, to be published by Ashgate. It will also appear as an e-book.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

Policy Implications

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

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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