

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 16 June 2014

Report Title: Request for a Loan

Report By: Cathy Walling
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Purpose of Report

To inform members of the request for a loan from the Museum collections

Recommendation(s)

- 1. that the Committee agrees the loan**

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

1. The Museum has received a request for the loan of the Hawaiian feather cloak. The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu are co-organising the exhibition 'Royal Hawaiian Featherwork: Na Hulu Ali'i' to be presented at the de Young from 29 August 2015 to 28 February 2016 and at the Bishop Museum from March 19 to 23 July 2016.
2. This will be the first exhibition of Hawaiian featherwork to be presented on the US mainland. While on view in Honolulu, the exhibition will be a focal point of the 125th anniversary celebrations commemorating the public opening of the Bishop Museum in 1891.
3. The exhibition assembles 75 of the finest examples of royal feathers including capes and cloaks, staffs, lei etc as well as related paintings and works on paper. 'Royal Hawaiian Featherwork' will mark the first time many of these important cultural treasures will have returned to Hawaii since the 18th century.
4. The exhibition will be accompanied by a fully-illustrated, scholarly publication and extensive educational and public programmes are being planned for both venues.
5. The Directors of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the Bishop Museum, Honolulu have requested the loan of Hastings Museum's feather cloak, which is unique in its patterning. The cloak is part of the Brassey gift to Hastings Museum.
6. The San Francisco and Honolulu Museums will be responsible for all expenses relating to the loan, including crating, transportation, courier, insurance and security. All aspects of the installation will be strictly supervised. A full facilities report will be requested in advance.

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	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

Background Information

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