

INFORMATION NOTE

Heritage Assets - Update

Current Position

1. At its meeting on 24 September, the Committee considered a report on high and medium priority actions outstanding from 2013/14. One of the matters contained in the report related to the compilation of a comprehensive central register of heritage assets in the ownership of the Council.
2. At the time of the meeting the draft register remained a work in progress but with an ongoing commitment from the responsible manager to complete the agreed exercise and maintain it subsequently.
3. The Committee resolved that the completion of a central register of heritage assets should be completed by January 2016, and if the register was not completed by that date the responsible officer be invited to the January 2016 meeting of the Audit and Standards committee to explain the current position.
4. It can now be confirmed that the collection of heritage assets has now be systematically and professionally catalogued in two registers - Section 1 'Paintings' and Section 2 'Decorative Art Items'. The latter group comprises sculpture and three dimensional items, such as civic regalia, antique ivory figurines, furniture and silverware.
5. The register entry for each item now incorporates a unique collection number, title of the art work, name of the artist, the medium used to create the piece, the year of donation, identity of the donor, whether the artwork has been conserved and if so by which organisation, its priority for conservation, its most recent valuation and a good quality image.
6. The final achievement of this action now completes the Heritage Asset Action Plan, which is noted in the Internal Audit Interim report.

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