

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2003
& INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

PICTAVIA/PICTISH ARTS SOCIETY LECTURES 2003/4

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report informs members of the continuing partnership with the Pictish Arts Society in producing a third series of lectures at Pictavia.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the contents of the report.

2. BACKGROUND

A partnership with the Pictish Arts Society (PAS) was agreed in 2001 (1114/01) which launched a winter lecture programme, deposited the PAS library at Pictavia and agreed the location of the PAS postal address at Pictavia. A second series of winter lectures was held in 2002/3 (969/02) with the highlight being Dr. Isabel Henderson in March.

Six lectures are held between October and March on Friday evenings at Pictavia, with 30-40 of an audience on each occasion. The PAS have been delighted with the response, with the lectures better attended than their Edinburgh equivalent.

It is planned to provide a third series this winter, but due to building alterations at Pictavia, the first two lectures will be held in The Meffan, Forfar.

The details of the agreed programme are: -

17 October 2003	Dr Suzanne Miller	"The Story from within – geological tools to interpret carved stones"
14 November 2003	Niall Robertson	"Pictish Stones as an illustration of contemporary material culture"
12 December 2003	Dr Jane Geddes	"The mysterious art of the Book of Deer"
16 January 2004	Ian Shepherd	"The Northern and Southern Picts – where do we draw the line?"
20 February 2004	Mark Hall	"Place, Purpose and Patronage: Early Medieval Sculptures in Strathearn and Strathmore"
19 March 2004	Dr James Fraser	"The Origins of Pictishness: When is a Pict not a Pict?"

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The winter lecture Series will be largely self-financing, with only nominal costs to the Leisure Services Department and the Economic Development Unit of the Chief Executive's Department.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications in this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

JOHN R ZIMNY
DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.