

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2003

RETURN OF THE MONIFIETH CASKET

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report informs members of the return of the Freedom of the Burgh Casket of ex-Provost Taylor of Monifieth from Dundee Museum.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that: -

- a) The committee notes the return of the casket to Angus.
and
- b) That arrangements be made to display the casket in Monifieth Library.

2. BACKGROUND

The Monifieth Casket is a beautiful wooden box (9cm high, 13cm wide, 35 cm long) with the Burgh Seal of Monifieth carved on its lid. The scroll deposited inside and the plaque on the front confirms that it was presented to John G. Taylor when he was given the freedom of the Burgh of Monifieth in 1972.

In 1996 all civic objects that related to Monifieth were transferred to Angus Council. This course of action was carried out by a transfer order arising from the 1996 local government reorganisation, and where appropriate by the donors of the relevant objects.

The Monifieth Casket and Scroll were not transferred, however, since consent had not been received from the original donor the objects were retained at McManus Galleries. The donor has since indicated that he wishes the casket to be transferred to Angus Council.

Dundee City Council therefore considered the matter at a meeting of their Leisure and Arts Committee on 18 August 2003 and decided to deaccession the casket from their museum collections and transfer it to Angus Council's museums collections.

It is recommended that the casket be permanently displayed in Monifieth Library alongside the other civic regalia of the burgh.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this Report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from 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.

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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.