

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2005

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2005

WILLIAM LAMB STUDIO: CASTING OF “JESS”

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

This report advises members of a plaster sculpture “Jess” by William Lamb, ARSA and recommends it to be cast in bronze.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee approves the casting in bronze of the William Lamb plaster, “Jess”, at a cost of £1,800, to be funded from the Montrose Common Good.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Angus Council administers the William Lamb Studio, and the works of this Montrose sculptor are displayed there. Over the years all the plaster sculptures have been cast in bronze for their long-term conservation and in order to display them safely. The bas relief, “Jess”, was donated to the Studio by Mr and Mrs Hutt and the daughter and son of Jess, Mrs Catherine Alford and Mr James Greig Brown in 1984.

Jess was Jessie Melrose Walker, and married in 1915, and this was commissioned for her wedding. This work would appear to be the last sculpted by William Lamb with his right hand prior to the First World War. Lamb fought in the trenches during this war, and was invalided out after an injury to his right hand. Despite numerous operations to his hand, shrapnel could not be removed, and he had to learn to draw and sculpt with his left hand.

Alone amongst the plaster collection, this sculpture has not been cast in bronze, and it is recommended that this is done.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the bronze casting of £1,800 can be met from the Montrose Common Good.

**4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from this Report.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Directors of Law & Administration and Finance, all Montrose Elected Members and Angus Council's Corporate Grant Aid Working Group have been consulted during 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.