

SPEAKER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WORKS OF ART

Note of the meeting held on 28 February 2024 at 4.30pm in Room 5 [INF03]

Members present: Dean Russell (Chair)
Simon Baynes
Rehman Chishti
Patrick Grady
Sally-Ann Hart
Barbara Keeley

Apologies: Sarah Champion, Theo Clarke, Kim Johnson

In attendance: Katy Barrett, Deputy Chief Curator
Stacey Clapperton, Curator
Lord Faulkner, Chair of the House of Lords Works of Art Panel
Emma Gormley, Curator
Melissa Hamnett, Director of Heritage Collections and Chief Curator
Corrina Henderson, Assistant Curator
Whitley Lane, Secretary
Lorcan O'Donoghue, Head of Media (Corporate)
Edward Potton, Secretary

1) Informal Note

The Committee **agreed** the informal note of the meeting on 17 January.

Matters arising

Passing of Lord Cormack

The Chair paid tribute to Lord Cormack, who chaired the Commons Works of Art Committee for 14 years and had been a Member of the Lord Speaker's Advisory Panel. The Committee agreed to write to Lord Cormack's family to express its sympathies. Lord Faulkner also paid tribute and noted he would be writing a memorial piece for the House magazine, which the Chair asked to be shared with the Committee.

Staff changes

The Chair thanked Pat Hardy for her support in recent months

2) Financial Statement

Melissa Hamnett, Director of Heritage Collections and Chief Curator, briefed the Committee.

Decision

The Committee **noted** the Financial Statement.

3) 2024 Election Artist

Emma Gormley, Curator, briefed the Committee on the Election Artist project. There were two parts – the election period residency, and the proposal developed by the artist for the output.

Decision

The Committee **agreed** the shortlist of artists, in the event of a Spring General Election. The Committee **agreed** the project brief, the next steps and budgets in the event of a Spring or Autumn General Election.

4) Coronavirus Memorial Quilt

Melissa Hamnett, Director of Heritage Collections and Chief Curator, briefed the Committee. Ms Hamnett explained the origin of the quilt and its collaborative nature, representing the Parliamentary community's experience of the pandemic.

Decision

The Committee **agreed** to acquire the quilt.

5) William Jenkins Silver Salver display

Dr Stacey Clapperton, Curator, briefed the Committee on the background of the Salver and its proposed display in Portcullis House.

Decision

The Committee **agreed** the proposed display for Portcullis House.

6) Any other business

The Committee **noted** the monthly highlights paper.

7) Date and time of the next meeting

The Committee will next meet on 17 April 2024 at 4.30pm.