



## **WORKS OF ART ADVISORY PANEL**

**Wednesday 10 February 2021**

Present:

Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Chair)  
Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury  
Lord Crathorne  
The Earl of Clancarty  
Lord Cormack  
Lord Lingfield  
Baroness Massey of Darwen  
Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall  
Lord Razzall

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Apologies were received from Lord Bird, Baroness Bull and Lord De Mauley.

In attendance: Patrick Vollmer (Director of Library Services), Melissa Hamnett (Head of Heritage Collections and Curator of Works of Art), Melanie Unwin (Deputy Curator), Emma Gormley (Assistant Curator), Grace Saull (Assistant Curator) and Edward McCarthy (Secretary).

### **2. Collections Advisory Group draft terms of reference**

The Head of Heritage Collections spoke to the draft terms of reference.

Members were keen that the Group reflect the diversity being sought, and were assured that the recruitment process for external members would attempt to ensure this. Members were also keen that ultimate responsibility for the group lie with parliamentarians, and were advised that it was hoped that a member would chair the Group.

The Panel **agreed** the draft terms of reference, and that Lord Faulkner of Worcester would be the Panel's nominated member of the group.

### **3. Loans in: Multiple loan renewals**

The Deputy Curator spoke to her paper.

The Panel **agreed** the proposed renewals in the paper. After discussion, the Panel **agreed** the renewal of the loan of the Magna Carta copy for five years.

### **4. Possible acquisition: Mixed media artwork *Mother and Children* by Pearl Binder, 1969**

Emma Gormley (Assistant Curator) spoke to her paper.

The Panel **agreed** to endorse the business case for acquisition.

## **5. Research into Lord Sinha**

The Deputy Curator spoke to her paper.

The Panel **took note** of the paper.

## **6. Possible acquisition: Portrait of Lord Melbourne by John Partridge**

Emma Gormley and the Secretary reported that the business case had been further developed and would next be submitted to the House of Lords Administration for approval.

## **7. Heritage Collections Online Services**

Grace Saull (Assistant Curator) spoke to her paper and provided a demonstration.

In addition to those already on the list of prioritised subjects, members suggested Westminster Hall, Parliament's role in the creation of railways and the 70th anniversary of the start of the Queen's reign.

The Panel **took note** of the paper.

## **8. Any other business**

In response to a question, the Deputy Curator reported that the medal collection used to be administered by the Sergeant at Arms, but latterly has been transferred into the House of Commons collections.

The Panel discussed the possibility of a chamber portrait, again noting that the start of the Restoration and Renewal Programme would be an obvious deadline.

Edward McCarthy  
Secretary