

**PROPOSED UTILISATION OF CAPITAL PROCEEDS OF
THOMAS HILL PAINTING**

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive:-

- (a) informing the Council of the background to the sale from the Council's Fine Art Collection of 'Sir Donald Peak and Selkirk Glacier' by artist Thomas Hill; and
- (b) presenting a proposal to Council of four spending themes to enhance the Council's fine art assets and museum collections, utilising the residue of the capital proceeds from the sale of the Thomas Hill Painting.

Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor R. McColl, moved:-

That the Council takes no action and refers the report to the new Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee for consideration.

As an amendment, Councillor Rooney, seconded by Councillor Calvert, moved:-

That the recommendations of the report be approved as follows:-

The Council agrees:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and its aim to meet the aims of the Council's Cultural Strategy within a Best Value Framework and to promote public access to the Council's Fine Art and Museum Collection; conserving its fine art assets, and proposed bid for National Recognition;
- (2) to approve the proposals outlined in the report for the use of the residue from the sale of the Thomas Hill painting, namely:-
 - (i) to allocate £50,000 to enable a three year conservation programme for the Council's Fine Art works;
 - (ii) to allocate £15,000 to support the strategic purchasing of acquisitions and potential expertise, and to support a bid for National Significance for the WDC Singer collection;
 - (iii) to allocate £10,000 to facilitate the strategic acquisition of fine art works augmenting and enhancing the existing collection, thereby promoting improved and extended collections to public; and

- (iv) to ring fence £50,000 toward the development of a new gallery facility within West Dunbartonshire, to host the Council's fine art collection and touring exhibitions; any development being subject to an options appraisal carried out by appropriate WDC officers being agreed by the Council.

On a vote being taken, 9 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was accordingly declared carried.