

## SERVICE UPDATE

<b><u>Name of Function:</u></b>	City Growth
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<b><u>Title of Update:</u></b>	History and Legacy of Enslavement
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### **UPDATE:**

On 10 November 2021 officers were instructed:

- to continue research and delivery of other public outputs in this field in line with existing programme and revenue budgets,
- to explore external funding opportunities which would allow for additional capacity in the Museums and Gallery team or working with an external partner to consolidate existing information and research on the history and legacy of enslavement in Aberdeen,
- and give consideration how to best make findings available to the public.

### **Research and delivery of public outputs within existing programme and budget**

Officers have continued to research and deliver other public outputs including:

- loan from collection to support University of Aberdeen slavery exhibition.
- consultation sessions with members of African communities in Aberdeen on how best to disseminate the history and legacy of slavery in the city.

### **External funding for additional capacity to consolidate existing information and research**

Officers have recruited a doctoral internship funded by the Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities (SGSAH) to investigate the 92 sites collated from existing research as potentially linked to the history and legacy of enslavement. Research will establish if a link exists and its nature. The internship runs until the end of December 2023.

### **How to best make findings available to the public**

In consultation with members of the African community in Aberdeen and other stakeholders, officers will develop a dedicated webpage to share stories of enslavement relating to the history of Aberdeen and where appropriate its legacy of racism and prejudice. The webpage will be located within the main Aberdeen City Council website. Officers will create an associated guide highlighting sites across the city with proven connections to the history and legacy of slavery.