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Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries has appointed Lowell Libson and Aidan Weston-Lewis as members of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Object of Cultural Interest.

The appointments will be for terms of 4 years. Lowell Libson will be appointed from 3 June 2011 to 2 June 2015. Aidan Weston-Lewis from 10 May 2011 to 9 May 2015.

Biographical notes

Lowell Libson

Lowell Libson is an art dealer and Managing Director and Proprietor of Lowell Libson Ltd which specialises in British paintings, watercolours and drawings of the seventeenth to twentieth centuries. His specialist area of expertise is the picture market and British works of the 17th – 20th centuries.

Aidan Weston-Lewis

Aidan Weston-Lewis has worked at the National Gallery of Scotland since 1992, where he is Chief Curator, with responsibility for the Italian and Spanish collections'. Before that he was Assistant Librarian at the Witt Photographic Library at the Courtauld Institute in London. He has published widely in his area of specialism, particularly on North Italian painting and drawing of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Background

1. The Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art & Objects of Cultural Interest (RCEWA) is a non-statutory, independent advisory body made up of experts in the arts including the fields of paintings, decorative arts, manuscripts and archaeology. The Committee's main role is to advise the Secretary of State whether a cultural object which is the subject of an export licence is of national importance under the 'Waverley criteria'.
2. RCEWA members give their services on an honorary basis. However, reasonable expenses incurred by RCEWA members carrying out their duties can be claimed.
3. These reappointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Lowell Libson and Aidan Weston-Lewis have declared no political activity.