12 PARTICIPATION OF DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL IN 2002 CIVIC TRUST AWARDS (AN40-2002)

The Civic Trust Awards is one of the UK's most prestigious annual awards schemes for architecture and environmental design. Dundee, as an urban area, can participate in alternative years and successfully participated in the 2000 Awards when Dundee Contemporary Arts received an Award and the University of Abertay Dundee Library a Commendation.

In June 2002, the Committee approved the participation by Dundee City Council in the 2002 Civic Trust Awards (Report 278-2001 refers). The awards scheme was then promoted throughout Dundee and 14 forms were distributed to possible entrants. The Department's conservation officer acted as liaison officer and planning adviser. Ultimately three entries were received and were assessed by the Civic Trust appointed local panel in October 2001 and then by the UK award judges. The awards were announced on 18th April 2002.

Dundee was successful in receiving one award - a mention for McIntyre's Hairdressing Salon, Union Street, designed by AIM Architects of Castle Street.

The Civic Trust Awards have been established for 42 years and are given to outstanding examples of new architecture, restorations, town planning, landscapes and public art. The various levels include Awards, Commendations and Mentions. The scheme is unique in that its judges not only look for design excellence, but also projects that benefit their local communities or environments. There were over 400 entries to the 2002 Awards - an exceptionally high number of entries ensuring that competition was particularly tough. This year's winners have had to demonstrate particularly high standards and the Council's congratulations will therefore be conveyed to McIntyres and AIM Architects.