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REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee – 9 May 2016
REPORT ON: Funding to Dundee Science Centre to Extend the Existing Exhibition Space and Deliver a New Science Learning Institute
REPORT BY: Chief Executive
REPORT NO: 158-2016

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain committee approval for a £100,000 contribution to Dundee Science Centre to assist in their project to extend their existing exhibition space and create a new Science Learning facility.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to approve:

2.1 the granting of £100,000 contribution to Dundee Science Centre for their proposed development project.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Council's contribution of £100,000 will be funded from the General Contingency provision included in the approved 2016/17 Revenue Budget.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Dundee Science Centre has proposals to physically extend the existing visitor space to create an interactive exhibition and deliver a Science Learning facility. A plan of these proposals is attached at Appendix 1. As part of the proposed £1.7m expenditure the Dundee Science Centre has requested that Dundee City Council provides funding of £100,000 in the financial year 2016/17.

4.2 Dundee Science Centre is a hub and community resource for lifelong learning and engagement with science. Each year, it engage over 80,000 people through in-Centre exhibition visits, outreach activity and professional learning activities for scientists and teaching practitioners

4.3 The proposed building project will enable Dundee Science Centre to expand its learning programmes, partnerships and number of people it serves. The project will be a key milestone in the science centre's evolution, as it continues to work its Vision of

'A culture of curiosity, confidence and engagement with science for the Tayside Community'.

4.4 The project has three interlinked components:

- a new science learning facility, including: a 80-seat lecture theatre; 30-seat learning zone; two meeting nests for mentoring and collaborative work
- a new interactive exhibition showcasing Dundee's pioneering work in medical technology, including minimally-invasive procedures such as keyhole surgery
- a programme of public engagement, with local medical students, clinicians and scientists, to engage visitors in medical advancements, medical careers and healthy living.

4.5 The proposed building project will not only result in an enhanced facility but also in inter-professional collaboration between scientists, clinicians and education experts, to co-create and deliver innovative science learning experiences for all ages of public and formal learning communities.

4.6 The construction programme will allow for the Centre to remain open during the build process.

4.7 Funding for the project is made up of:

Wellcome Trust	£850,000
The Robertson Trust	£160,000
Dundee Science Centre Endowment Fund	£100,000
Mathew Trust	£50,000
Northwood Trust	£50,000
The Leng Charitable Trust	£36,000
Walter Craig Charitable Trust	£5,000
Al-Maktoum College	£2,000
Alexander Moncur Trust	£2,000
Total	£1,255,000

A national organisation is in advanced discussions about a grant of £100,000 but this is not yet officially confirmed. Sponsorship funding of £200,000 is presently being finalised and the outcome will be decided soon. Medical supply companies are being approached for the remaining sponsorship of £45,000.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainable Development, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

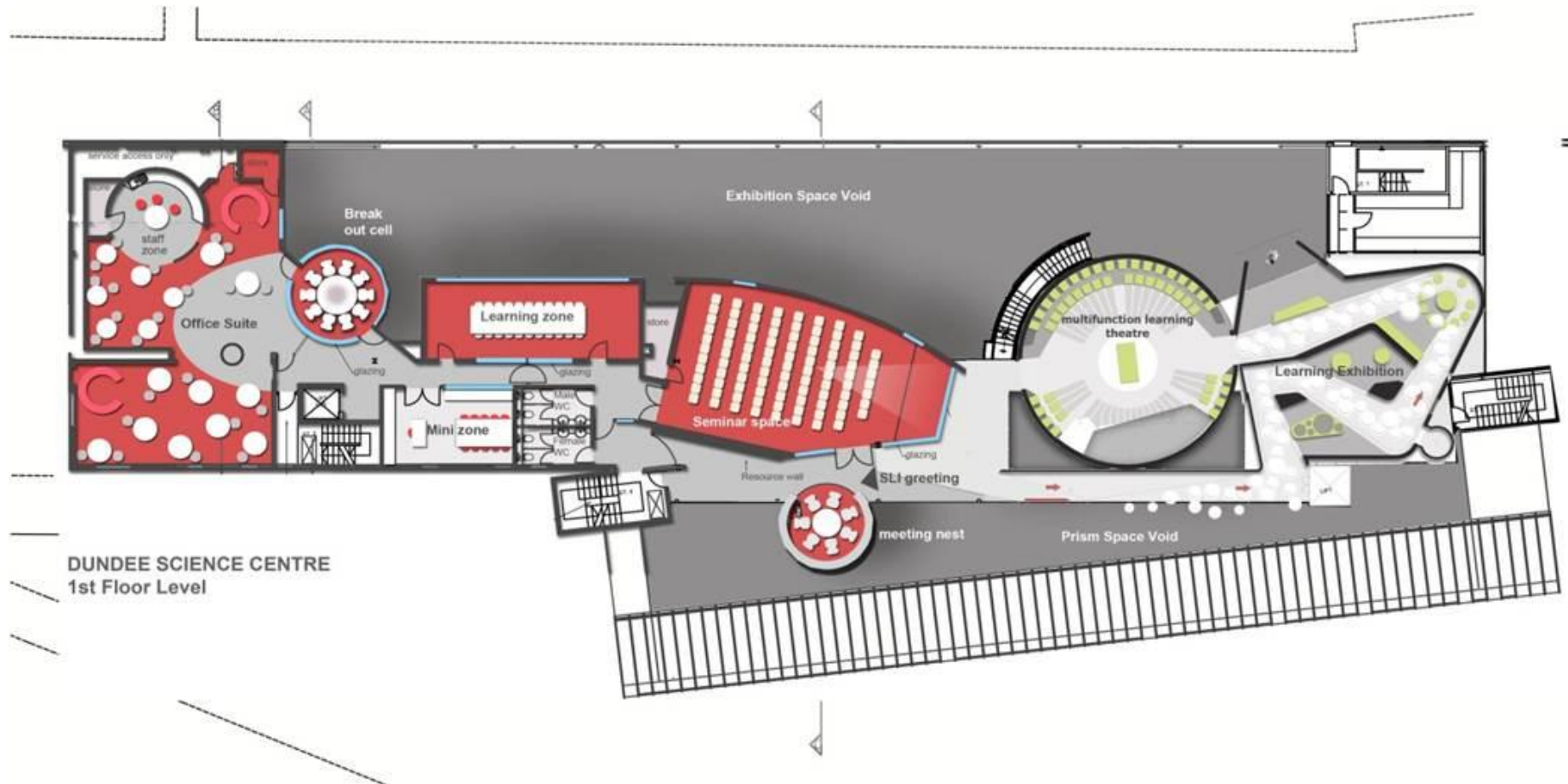
6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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