

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee 15 March 2004

REPORT ON: McManus Galleries

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 208-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide updated information on the current position regarding McManus Galleries and the Stage One funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Note the submission of the Stage One application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and that a decision is anticipated during July 2004.
- 2.2 Agree to the utilisation of the vacant building formerly Barrack Street Museum/Ward Road Library as a Collections Unit to house collections displaced by the development.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total project cost is £7,521,927 of which £5,242,000 is allocated to the conservation and alteration works to McManus Galleries, £1,530,000 is allocated to display installation and £749,927 to alterations to the Barrack Street premises to create a suitable Collections Unit. The anticipated funding of this project is £4,999,927 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £500,000 from Historic Scotland (McManus), £50,000 from Historic Scotland (Barrack Street), £300,000 from ERDF, £50,000 from sponsorship and £1,622,000 from Dundee City Council Capital which can be contained within the Leisure and Arts three year Capital Plan.
- 3.2 The estimated cost of development work to prepare a Stage Two application to HLF is £324,000. This includes the cost of technical fees and the secondment of Leisure and Arts staff. £191,000 has been applied for from HLF with the balance of £133,000 being met from the Leisure and Arts Department Capital and Revenue Budgets in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals in this report would make a substantial contribution to ensuring that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A major element of development proposals would be to address equal opportunities implications. The development would be accessible for all sections of the community including visitors with disabilities, the elderly and those with young children.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

MCMANUS GALLERIES CURRENT POSITION

6.1 Background

Reference is made to Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 17 February 2003 which approved Report No 102-2003 remitted to the Director of Leisure and Arts to proceed with a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application for a Project Planning Grant to prepare and submit a full Stage One bid.

Discussions with HLF had indicated that they anticipated that through Dundee City Council working with external consultants the resultant project might be larger in scope and address pressing collection needs.

6.2 Feasibility

Members were afforded an opportunity during the consultation on the proposals in November 2003 to receive a full briefing on the proposed design solutions by our contracted Architects, Page and Park and Designers, Campbell and Associates.

The feasibility of moving forward with the project as envisaged was dependant on securing a cost effective solution to the storage of displaced collections.

The Department evaluated a number of options and after full consideration against set criteria concluded that the best viable option would be to utilise the empty building formerly used as Barrack Street Museum.

The advantages of this solution include:

- The building is already on the Council account and has proven difficult to market for prospective commercial use.
- The costs involved can be accommodated in the overall project budget.
- The close proximity to McManus Galleries will be of advantage in terms of staff efficiency and marketing.
- The identification of a dedicated Collections Unit with additional limited public access significantly strengthens the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Through addressing the collection needs in this way we safeguard the City Collections giving them a permanent home, negating the need to move them for the foreseeable future and the consequent disruption to service and resource requirement of such moves.

6.3 Progress

An application to HLF was submitted in early February 2004 on the basis of the design solutions as described along with the utilisation of the Barrack Street building as a Collections Unit.

The next stage in securing the full sum of £4,999,927 to complete the project is to develop the project to Stage Two as required by HLF. This will cost £324,000 for technical fees and the secondment of Leisure and Arts Department staff. The application to HLF includes a request for £191,000 of Development funding towards these costs.

For information a finalised copy of the Feasibility Study has been placed with each Group Secretary.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Report No 561-2000 Article II of the Arts & Heritage Committee, 19 March 2001
Report No 102-2003 Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee, 17 February 2003.

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