

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 19 September 2005

REPORT ON: McManus Redevelopment

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 574-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on the success of the Stage 2 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding towards the 'Who We Are' McManus Development Project and confirm building closure and outline programme to contract start date.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Note the success of the Stage 2 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 2.2 Note the closure of McManus Galleries and Museum from 23 October 2005 to allow works to proceed and the outline programme to begin.
- 2.3 Remit the Director of Leisure and Arts to proceed with the appointments of Page and Park Architects and Campbell & Co Design Consultants to progress the works to completion.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Heritage Lottery Fund grant is now confirmed at £4,906,000 with £93,000 having already been granted towards the Development costs together with a £50,000 project planning grant.
The total project cost is now £7,837,000 of which £4,906,000 is from HLF, £700,000 is from the European Regional Development Fund, £520,000 from Historic Scotland and the remaining £1,711,000 is accommodated within the Leisure and Arts Capital Plan over the 2005-2008 period.

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 will be accessible for all sections of the community including visitors with disabilities, the elderly and those with young children.

6.0 MCMANUS GALLERIES CURRENT POSITION

- 6.1 At a meeting of the UK Committee of the Heritage Lottery Fund on 19 July, the Stage 2 application for funding for the 'Who We Are' McManus redevelopment project received unanimous approval and the funding can now be legally committed to the project.
- 6.2 **Programme**
To enable the contractors to be on site by April 2006, a phased programme of removal of all collections, staff and ancillary items is now underway.

Galleries 1, 3 and 4 and the cafe are now closed to the public.
Complete building closure will take place on 23 October 2005.
The new Collections Unit at Barrack Street is scheduled to be ready to receive staff from the first week in December 2005.
The remaining collections will be removed from McManus to the Collections Unit between January and March 2006

6.3 Tenders

Tender packages are being prepared by the project architects and will come before Committee in December 2005.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have all 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 and Heritage Committee, 19 March 2001
Report No 102-2003 Leisure and Arts Services Committee, 17 February 2003
Report No 477-2003 Leisure and Arts Services Committee, 21 July 2003
Agenda Note AN131-2005 Leisure and Arts Services Committee 21 March 2005

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