

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 8 November 2010

REPORT ON: Procurement of Storage Racking for Art Collections

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 653-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details the proposals received for the procurement and installation of specialist racking within The McManus Galleries: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum for the storage of oil paintings, and requests a decision on acceptance of the recommendation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approval is recommended for the acceptance of the proposal submitted by Rackline Ltd to supply and install a system suitable for the purpose, at a total cost of £119,963

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Funding for this project has been secured from the following sources:

Grant from Museums Galleries Scotland Capital Fund	£60,000
Grant from the PF Charitable Trust	£36,000
Contribution from the Orchar Fund	£24,000
Total	£120,000

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The fit-out of the basement areas with art storage systems was part of the original refurbishment project, however, due to financial constraints, this element was deleted as part of a savings exercise. The external funds now secured, some of which have been awarded specifically for storage, will enable this project to progress.

4.2 During the programme of redevelopment at The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum, the art collections were removed to temporary storage and the existing storage racking dismantled. The re-arrangement of areas within the basement of The McManus necessitates the procurement of new storage systems to house the City's art collections, which will allow efficient and effective staff access to these collections enabling an enhanced service to the public.

4.3 The entire art collection will be returned to The McManus in three phases over a two to three year period. The first phase, outlined in this proposal, will involve the return of approximately 900 oil paintings, which represents a significant percentage of the total insurance value of the City's art, cultural and scientific collections.

4.4 Plans for the storage of the oil paintings collection were sought from three companies permitted to tender through the OGC Framework 2010 (Office of Government Commerce – now called "Buying Solutions").

The three proposals submitted are:

Supplier	Total Cost
Metalrax Storage Ltd, Birmingham	£104, 216
Rackline Ltd, Newcastle-under-Lyme	£119,963
Templestock Rotadex Ltd, Birmingham	£98,956

These proposals have all been rigorously evaluated in terms of value for money, technical standards, suitability for purpose and quality of support and service.

The evaluation criteria used are detailed below:

- a) maximise the storage space i.e. square meterage;
- b) physical dimensions of individual screen sizes;
- c) quality of design layout;
- d) quality, strength and suitability of materials used;
- e) declared warranty period.

Following the evaluation, the recommended supplier is Rackline Ltd.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

There are no major issues

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive, and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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