

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 20 FEBRUARY 2006

REPORT ON: THE REDEVELOPMENT OF FINMILL CENTRE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 133-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This Report seeks approval for the City Architectural Services Officer to obtain offers, tenders or negotiate partnerships and for the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Director of Leisure & Communities to accept these offers/tenders/partnership agreements for the refurbishment and extension of Finmill Centre up to a total cost of £302,646.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the City Architectural Services Officer be authorised to obtain offers, tenders or partnership agreements for the refurbishment and extension of Finmill Centre. The Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Director of Leisure & Communities be authorised to accept the offers/tender/partnership agreements as recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer for works to be undertaken by Dundee Contract Services and other contractors.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure of £302,646 can be met as follows:

ERDF	£131,171
CRF 2005/2006	£ 98,890
CRF 2006/2007	£ 46,000
Dundee City Council	<u>£ 26,585</u>

Total **£302,646**

3.2 The Dundee City Council contribution can be contained within the Communities Department Capital Plan, Property Upgrade Allocation, £144,000 for 2006-2007.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Acceptance of this report will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

4.2 The proposed development will address Local Community Plan priorities and the Local Agenda 21 commitment to meeting needs locally.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Department has been successful in accessing £276,061 of external funding to progress the redevelopment of the Finmill Centre to create a modern community meeting space for the residents of Fintry and Mill O'Mains. The extension to the existing building will provide much needed additional capacity enabling new activities and services to be introduced. This will build on the centre's identity as the focal point of the local community, thereby increasing opportunities for local people to play a positive role in the community.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services). The proposed redevelopment has been the subject of extensive consultation with the Local Management Group and residents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

Signed: Stewart Murdoch
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Date: 10 February 2006