

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee - 13 February

REPORT ON: Procurement of Storage Racking/Units for Decorative Arts and Work on Paper

REPORT BY: Director, Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 50-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details a quotation for the procurement and installation of specialist storage systems within the McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum, for the storage of Decorative Art and Works on Paper, and requests a decision on acceptance of the quotation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Approval is recommended for the acceptance of the quotation submitted by Rackline Ltd to supply and install a suitable system, at a total cost of £94,380 (excluding VAT).

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 External funding for this project has been secured from the following sources:

Grant from Museums Galleries Scotland	£40,000
Grant from PF Charitable Trust	£14,000
Donation from RJ Larg Family Trust	£10,000
Contribution from the Orchar Fund	£27,353
Contribution from Donations	£2,967
Total	£94,380

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. External funds now secured 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 collection will be returned to The McManus in three phases over a two year period. Phase one, for the storage of oil paintings was completed earlier this year. This report related to phases two and three which is the storage of decorative arts and works on paper.
- 4.4 The storage racking/units are 100% externally funded but will be procured through the City Council. The external funding as detailed in 3.1, comes from a combination of a specific grant from Museums Galleries Scotland, a grant and donation from the PF Charitable Trust and the RJ Larg Family Trust both of which are family based trusts who give support to various charitable organisations, and contributions from the Orcahr Fund and donations previously given for the restoration of The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues have been identified.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance and the Leisure & Culture Dundee Board of Trustees have been consulted on this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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