

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure & Arts Services Committee – 16 September 2002**

**REPORT ON: McManus Galleries - Restoration and Development**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts**

**REPORT NO: 675-2002**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Committee on the progress of the McManus Galleries Restoration and Development and to obtain agreement for Technical Services work to be undertaken.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Note the progress with regard to McManus Galleries Restoration and Development.
- 2.2 Agree to the undertaking of Technical Services by the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council to a value of £35,000.
- 2.3 Agree to the purchase of the Hanwell Environment Monitoring System at a cost of £1,999.00.
- 2.4 Agree to remit the Director of Leisure and Arts to carry out further investigation into design and display options available.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of Technical Services is £35,000. Heritage Lottery Fund will provide a grant towards this of approximately two thirds on approval of the Stage One Application. The sum of £35,000 is contained in the Leisure and Arts Capital Budget 2002/2003.
- 3.2 The cost of the Hanwell System is £1,999.00 of which 50% is grant aided by the Scottish Museum Council and the remainder contained in the Leisure and Arts Capital Budget 2002/2003.
- 3.3 The costs of investigation of design and display options will be met from the Leisure and Arts Capital Budget 2002/2003. These will not exceed £1,500.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The restoration of McManus Galleries will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised. It will also make sure that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all and that places, spaces and objectives can combine beauty with utility.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Every opportunity will be taken with the McManus Galleries Restoration and Development to make it a more family friendly and barrier free facility.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 A Stage One application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund in March 2001 for the restoration and development of McManus Galleries. A further application has also been made to Historic Scotland. Both these applications now need detailed work prior to proceeding through the grant process to secure £3.75 million from the HLF and £.5 million from Historic Scotland.

An estimate has been received from the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council to undertake the necessary Architectural, Quantity Surveying, Planning, Supervisory, Electrical Services and stone investigation work required to develop the designs for a refurbished McManus Galleries.

All these elements are eligible cost from the HLF and will be funded should the Stage One pass meet with its anticipated approval. The indicative project funding rate is 69%.

Groups will be consulted with regard to the development of designs for the interior gallery spaces as the design brief progresses.

- 6.2 The McManus galleries have an external store housing valuable collections. It is proposed to improve environmental monitoring at this site through the installation of remote monitoring equipment through a modem to transmit humidity and temperature information. This improvement will safeguard existing and displaced collections during the McManus galleries redevelopment. A 50% grant towards the cost of this work has been approved by the Scottish Museum Council.

- 6.3 The Heritage Section at McManus Galleries is currently drawing up the Design Briefs for the redisplay. It is important that this is informed by the latest thinking and technology. It is therefore proposed to send key staff to evaluate recent Heritage Lottery Fund supported projects to learn from them and incorporate the best ideas into the re-display.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Planning and Transportation have all been consulted on this report.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

Director of Leisure and Arts \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_