

REPORT TO: ARTS AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE - 20 NOVEMBER 2000

REPORT ON : MCMANUS GALLERIES - REPLACEMENT FLOOR COVERING GALLERIES 7 AND 8

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND HERITAGE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details quotations received for replacing the floor covering in Galleries 7 and 8 at McManus Galleries.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Approval is sought for the quotation submitted by John Swan Flooring for carpet tiles on the grounds that these will be more flexible in use and longer-lasting than sheet carpet.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the project is £4,217 and can be met from the Arts and Heritage Department Capital Budget, 2000/2001.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The project supports the principle "opportunities for culture leisure and recreation are available to all".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The project provides opportunities for people of all ages regardless of ability, social background, race, sex or disadvantage.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The carpets in Galleries 7 and 8 of the McManus Galleries are in need of replacement. The Galleries were renovated during 1998 but funding for replacement carpet was not available at that time. The existing carpet is badly soiled and has a detrimental effect on the quality exhibitions being shown.

6.2 Quotations were sought from three suppliers for supply and laying of sheet carpet or floor tiles. Two quotations were received as follows:

Tommy Berry Carpets (carpet)	£3865
John Swan Flooring (carpet)	£3918
John Swan Flooring (carpet tiles)	£4217

6.3 Experience has shown that when laid properly carpet tiles are more flexible in use and rotation equalizes wear patterns.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____