

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Arts and Heritage Committee – 17 December 2001

REPORT ON: Broughty Castle Museum Development

REPORT BY: Director of Arts and Heritage

REPORT NO: 785-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report progress on the development of Broughty Castle Museum and to obtain committee approval for Capital Expenditure.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Arts & Heritage Design and Technical Teams are appointed to undertake this development as agreed with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

2.2 Approval to proceed is recommended on the basis that procurement of specialist sub-consultants, contractors and suppliers will be via competitive quotes in line with Best Value procedures and as agreed with Heritage Lottery Fund.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost of this project is £94,446. Funding of £50,000 is available from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £2,000 from donations. Historic Scotland will provide in-kind support of £5,000. The balance of £37,446 will be met from the Arts & Heritage Department's Capital Plan.

Provision for this project was originally included in the current year's Capital Plan. Due to the timing of the award from Heritage Lottery Fund, only £27,446 will be utilised in 2001/02. Provision will be made in future years for the remaining £10,000 when the Capital Plan for 2002-2005 is prepared.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This project supports the principle 'opportunities, leisure and recreation are available to all'.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The improvements of the Floor 1 Community Gallery will widen opportunities for Lifelong Learning and Education for all.

5.2 Owing to the structure of the Castle the opportunities to allow disabled access are limited but all practical improvements will be made.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 In April 2001 Committee remitted the Director of Arts & Heritage to submit a Heritage Lottery Fund Application in support of development of Broughty Castle.

6.2 The department has now been notified that it has been successful and has been awarded a grant under the 'Your Heritage' scheme of £50,000 towards the total project costs of £94,446.

6.3 This is the first such award under the new 'fast track' 'Your Heritage' scheme in Scotland and is for the maximum amount possible under the scheme.

6.4 The areas of spending necessary to undertake the project as approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund are as follows:

Repair, Conservation and Building Works	£14,800
Equipment and Materials	£26,500
Fees and short term contracts	£27,220
Design, writing and printing costs	£16,500
Consultancy, contingency and inflation	£ 9,426

6.5 This project redisplay Galleries One and Three at Broughty Castle and creates a small café area. As the building is owned by Historic Scotland and is a listed monument the redisplay will take place within the spaces with minimal architectural works under the supervision of Historic Scotland's Architects who are also undertaking an Architectural Survey of the building. The majority of expenditure relates to design and conservation for which the department has the most suitable expertise in its in-house teams.

6.6 It is therefore proposed that the in-house Design and Technical Teams lead this project with additional support through short-term contracts covering specialist areas of research and production.

6.7 The Design Team will work with the Broughty Castle Heritage Officer to produce a display charting the history of Broughty Ferry within a flexible space designed for community and school use in Gallery One. Gallery Three will focus on the natural environment looking at the Geology and Natural History of the area.

The Technical Team will undertake all stripping out of existing material and displays and the fitting out and equipping of new displays, as required.

6.8 The work to the small café area will be let as an all services contract through Dundee City Council Architects subject to the usual tendering procedure which will be brought forward to committee as required.

6.9 It is intended to undertake the works in Gallery One and the small café area prior to the main summer holiday season in July 2002 with the Gallery Three works taking place in the Autumn of 2002.

6.10 It is anticipated that in order to strip out the galleries and allow unimpeded construction work to take place within the limited confines of the Castle periods of short term closure will be necessary. These periods will be detailed in a further report to Committee as the works programme progresses.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Report No. 224-2001

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____