

ANGUS COUNCIL

PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

No 480/00

FURNITURE - CARNOUSTIE BURGH CHAMBERS**Abstract**

This report advises the Committee of the theft of various items of furniture which were in storage during the renovation of the Carnoustie Burgh Chambers as an Access Office.

RECOMMENDATION

The Personnel and Property Services Committee is recommended:

1. to note the contents of this report.

1 BACKGROUND

The items of furniture within the Committee Room of Carnoustie Burgh Chambers were stored at the Old Andover Primary School in Brechin during the recent works to convert the property to an Access Office. The furniture was put into storage in October 1999 before the work commenced and was due to be returned in the week commencing 20 March 2000.

However, during the weekend before the furniture was due to be returned to Carnoustie, the school was broken into and the following items were stolen:

- 27 chairs
- 3 tables
- portrait of the Queen
- portrait of Prince Philip
- Grandfather clock

The Old Andover school had been boarded up and was considered a secure store for this purpose. The police are still investigating the theft, and Property Services Department has supplied the police with photographs showing the stolen tables and chairs.

Given the age and civic character of the furniture stolen it is difficult to put a value on the property. The cost to replace the items with modern style furniture, is estimated at £8,000. In

accordance with current Council policy, these items have not been insured against loss or theft due to the high premiums charged for this type of insurance cover. Prior to consideration being given for immediate replacement of the furniture we should await the police investigation into the matter.

2 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration and the Director of Housing have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

M G Lunny
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