

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2003

BRECHIN TOWN HOUSE MUSEUM OPENING

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report informs members of the opening of Brechin Town House Museum to the public and proposes an official opening ceremony.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee: -

- a) notes the opening of Brechin Town House Museum to the public on Saturday 2 August. and
- b) agrees to the proposed official opening ceremony.

2. BACKGROUND

On 29 October 2002 Angus Council agreed to the relocation of Brechin Museum to the Old Town House (Report No 1280/02). On 10 April staffing and opening hours were agreed for the museum (Report No 452/03) and it was hoped that it would open in June. Regrettably the relative humidity in the building was very high, and it took some weeks to reduce and stabilise the environment in order that it was fit to receive the museums collections.

This was achieved late in July and staff then worked extremely hard to get the museum collections on display as quickly as possible. This enabled the museum to open to the public on Saturday 2 August, and 113 visitors were recorded that day, and 320 during the first week.

The Museum was visited by Andy Kerr MSP, the Minister for Finance and Public Services on Thursday 7 August who praised the Council for the creation of the museum and its contribution to the ongoing regeneration of Brechin.

Brechin Museum was founded in 1846, originally in the Mechanics Institute, moving to the Library extension in 1976. This project has largely been a result of Community Planning, with the idea growing from the Community Conference held in Brechin and being strongly supported by the resultant Brechin Partnership.

It is proposed that an opening ceremony be held on the evening of Thursday 30 October 2003 when the museum will be officially opened by the Provost, followed by a small reception in the Cathedral Hall. The details of the ceremony will be considered by the Hospitality Sub Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the ceremony will be less than £300 and provision has been made for that in the Leisure Services Revenue Budget for 2003/4.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from this Report.

5. CONSULTATION

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

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NOTE: 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 this report.