

FORMER REGISTRARS OFFICE, BRECHIN – TEMPORARY USE

Abstract

This report invites the Committee to consider an application by the Brechin Arts Festival for the temporary use of the former Registrars Office, Brechin as an Exhibition space for the period 24 September to 4 October 2004.

RECOMMENDATION

The Resources and Central Services Committee is recommended to agree the short-term lease of the former Registrars Office, Brechin to the Brechin Arts Festival from 24 September to 4 October 2004 on terms and conditions to be agreed with the Director of Property Services.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Director of Property Services has received a request from the Brechin Arts Festival for use of the former Registrars Office, Panmure Street, Brechin for the period 24 September to 4 October 2004 to house an exhibition during the Arts Festival.

As members will know, the Registrars Office is currently being offered to Council departments for alternative use following its closure as a Registrars Office. Report 132/04 refers. To-date no Council department has expressed an interest in the use of this property but one external interest has been notified to us. The Director of Property Services expects to submit a report to the meeting of this Committee in May advising members of the interest shown in the use of this property. If at that stage no interest has been shown by council departments, the normal procedure for the Council would be to dispose of the property by sale or lease and this can take some months to complete.

Accordingly, the Committee is invited to give favourable consideration to this request and make the building available for use as an exhibition space in accordance with the normal terms and conditions of a temporary lease. A decision at this stage will allow the festival organisers to finalise and publish their programme.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The terms of a lease would require the festival organisers to meet any costs incurred for the use of this property including electricity cleaning etc. It is not proposed to charge any rent for the short period of use.

3 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Act implications specific to this report.

4 CONSULTATION

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

5 CONCLUSION

Given the anticipated timescale for agreeing the future use of this property it is considered appropriate to approve a short-term lease for use by the Arts Festival at this stage. An early decision will allow the Arts Festival organisation to finalise its programme of events.

6 REFERENCES

Committee	Date	Report	Subject
Resources and Central Services	29.1.04	132/04	Former Registration Office, Brechin

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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