

## **BRECHIN TOWN HOUSE MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT - FINAL COSTS**

### **Abstract**

This report notes the additional costs incurred in the development of the Brechin Town House as a museum and proposes how these costs are to be met including an additional contribution from the Brechin Common Good Fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Resources and Central Services Committee is recommended to

1. note the final cost of £49,101 for the development of the Town House as a museum
2. note the revenue contributions towards this additional cost as appended to this report, and
3. approve the additional contribution of £3,998 from the Brechin Common Good Fund.

### **1 BACKGROUND**

Report 1280/02 to the Policy and Resources committee on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2002 outlined the proposal to develop the Brechin Town House as a museum at an estimated cost of £33,200 and the committee approved this funding from the Brechin Common Good fund.

The works commenced in the spring of 2003 and completion and opening of the museum was achieved in August 2003.

The procurement of the development works was by separate trades given the diverse range of works involved and using the term and schedule of rates contracts. During the course of the works it became known that additional costs would be incurred due to a number of factors, mainly higher security specification requirements, the provision of a new gas supply, redecoration and sundry other items. A detailed list is appended to this report.

The Director of Property Services was aware of the importance of this project to the City of Brechin Partnership and the timescale for completing the project and authorised the additional works in order to complete the project without any delays.

## 2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Regulation 7.5 requires that such an overspend is reported to the Director of Finance and it has been agreed, following discussion with the Director of Finance to apportion part of the additional costs to the revenue account as follows:

Property Renewal and Repair Fund	£3,325
Leisure Services	£3,050
Information Technology	<u>£5,528</u>
Total	<u>£11,903</u>

and to seek approval to meet the balance of £3,998 from the Brechin Common Good Fund on the basis of the common good accounts funding landlord costs as per the policy agreed in report No. 1240/03.

## 3 CONSULTATION

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

## 4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

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

## REFERENCES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Report No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Policy and Resources	29/10/02	1280/02	Brechin Town House – City of Brechin Partnership
Strategic Policy	3.2.04	1240/03 (revised)	Common Good Funds – Policy Review
Angus Council	1.4.04	411/04	Common Good Rents with effect from 1 April 2001

## 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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