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ANGUS COUNCIL

PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

No 666/00

## **FURNITURE IN MONTROSE TOWN HOUSE**

### **Abstract**

This report advises the committee of the measures taken with regard to the storage of furniture etc from the Montrose Town House and proposals for disposal of certain items and the restoration of others.

## **1 RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to:

1. note the arrangements made for storing certain items of furniture and artefacts as detailed in this report;
2. agree to the re-upholstering of certain chairs;
3. agree to the disposal of those items with no civic value by sale at auction.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

As works were planned for the refurbishment of the Montrose Town House, consideration was given to the future use of the furniture within the Town House and what measures may be required for storage and protection of the various items during the contractors' operations.

A full inventory of furniture and works of art was compiled. After consultation with the Acting Director of Cultural Services and the local members for Montrose, the following arrangements were made.

1. Those works of art, which could easily be moved, and moveable artefacts of value were transferred to the Montrose Museum for safe storage.
2. The large paintings, which could not be removed from the Town House, are boxed in-situ for protection during the works. Smaller paintings are being stored in the Town House vault.
3. The set of 4 late 18<sup>th</sup> century provost and baillie chairs in red upholstery and the two sets of 19<sup>th</sup> century chairs with the stylised Montrose Rose which were in the Committee Room and the Council Chamber along with the Council Chamber table are now all stored by a furniture removal company off site and are covered by the company's insurance.
4. It is proposed that the upholstered chairs are re-upholstered prior to completion of the works to the Town House.
5. The remaining furniture is of no civic value and will not be required on completion of the project. It is proposed that this furniture is sold at local auction and the proceeds used to re-upholster the furniture referred to above.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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The financial implications arising from this report will be contained within the provisions made for the Montrose Access office as detailed in the 2000/01 Non Housing Capital Financial Plan.

#### **4 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director Finance, Director of Law & Administration and the Acting Director of Cultural Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. The Acting Director of Cultural Services also consulted representatives of Montrose Community Council who concurred with the measures proposed in this report.

#### **5 CONCLUSION**

The restoration and retention of the civic furniture within the Montrose Town House will complement the work of refurbishing this important building in Montrose.

#### **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 a material extent in preparing the above report

M G Lunny  
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