
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2011

EX.164/11 TULLIE HOUSE BUSINESS PLAN AND LEASE ARRANGEMENTS (Key Decision)

Portfolio Performance and Development

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.150/11, the Assistant Director (Community Engagement) submitted report CD.30/11 considering the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2011 - 2014 Business Plan and Lease term issues.

By way of a reminder, the Assistant Director (Community Engagement) summarised the steps leading up to the establishment of the Trust in April 2011; the key milestones outlined in the draft Business Plan, together with the financial and legal implications. He further outlined details of a proposed extension to the lease arrangements from the City Council for the property occupied by the Trust.

The draft Business Plan had been included on the Agenda as a private item as it was not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel had, on 24 November 2011, considered and welcomed Report CD.27/11 on the matter. A copy of Minute Excerpt COSP.90/11 had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel was present at the meeting. She informed the Executive that the Panel had questioned the proposed extension to the Tullie House Lease, but considered the responses provided to be satisfactory. Overall the Panel had welcomed the report.

The Community Engagement Portfolio Holder made reference to a number of very prestigious, high profile and well attended exhibitions provided subsequent to formation of the Trust, in particular the Roman and Little Black Dress exhibitions. She considered that Tullie House should be commended for the promotion of such events.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder was delighted by submission of the reports. He congratulated the City Council and the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust for work undertaken.

The Performance and Development Portfolio Holder outlined the Executive's support of the Business Plan which was cautious in terms of the financial aspects, but ambitious in its aspirations. Although the Trust was in its infancy, he paid tribute to the considerable potential and talent available within the new Board.

The Portfolio Holder then moved the following recommendations:

1. That the Executive had considered the report and supported the proposed business plan;
2. That the Executive approved the core funding for 2012/13 and the commitment to funding for 2013/14 for recommendation to Council; and
3. That the Executive recommended an extension of the Lease arrangements from 25 years to 30 years to the City Council for approval.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. had considered Report CD.30/11 and supported the proposed Tullie House Business Plan.
2. approved the core funding for 2012/13 and the commitment to funding for 2013/14 for recommendation to Council.
3. recommended an extension of the Lease arrangements from 25 years to 30 years to the City Council for approval.

Reasons for Decision

The recommendations allow this report, the associated Business Plan and core funding to be approved in line with the Partnership Agreement