

To: Infrastructure Land & Environment Policy Board

On: 20 March 2024

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Unit J Floors Street, Johnstone

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a new lease of Unit J Floors Street, Johnstone to Ahmed Ameen.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Infrastructure Land & Environment Policy Board approve a new lease of Unit J Floors Street, Johnstone to Ahmed Ameen on the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Unit J Floors Street, Johnstone has been vacant since March 2022 following the lease termination. This unit was marketed as available for lease, and after gauging the level of interest received, a closing date for offers to lease was set on 2nd February 2024. Offers of rent over £9,600 per annum were sought and one offer was received in accordance with the closing date arrangement.
- 3.2 The offer received has been assessed and the proposal is to conclude a lease with Ahmed Ameen on the following main terms and conditions.
 - The lease shall be for a period of 5 years and shall be on the Council's standard full repairing and insuring lease. A break option at year 2 shall be included in the lease.
 - The initial rent shall be £10,500 per annum.

- Two month's rent shall be payable upfront.
- The property shall be for storage use with ancillary offices.
- The tenant is responsible for obtaining all appropriate planning and statutory consents required in connection with the proposed use.
- The Tenant shall meet the Council's reasonable legal expenses incurred in concluding the lease.
- If the lease is not concluded within 6 months of the date of this Board, the property shall be remarketed for lease.
- Any other reasonable terms and conditions considered necessary by the Head of Corporate Governance.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial -** Annual rental of £10,500 to be received.
- 2. HR & Organisational Development None.
- 3. **Community Planning -** Secures long term tenancy for empty property
- 4. Legal New lease required.
- 5. **Property/Assets -** As per this report.
- 6. Information Technology None.

7. Equality & Human Rights

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because no groups or individuals have any involvement currently at the property. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
- 8. Health & Safety None.
- 9. **Procurement -** Not applicable.
- 10. Risk None.
- 11. **Privacy Impact -** Not applicable.

12. Cosla Policy Position - Not applicable.

List of Background Papers – None.

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