



Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Report to: Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Meeting on: 26th May 2023

Subject: Robertson Centre Office

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1. Introduction

The Board functions are delivered from its offices at the Robertson Centre, Glasgow Road, Paisley. The offices are let from Renfrewshire Council and they have informed the VJB that they do not wish the VJB to remain in occupation beyond 31st March 2024.

2. Current Position

During 2017/18 due to financial constraints the then Assessor, on behalf of the Board, sought to reduce costs by renegotiating the lease for the Robertson Centre. It was agreed that the Board would move out of the upper floor and only occupy the ground floor, handing back control of the upper floor to the Renfrewshire Council. The mechanism for achieving this would be to rescind the existing lease and create a new lease. This was reported to the Board at its meeting of 17th August 2018 where the Board authorised the Assessor to rescind the existing lease and continue discussions on the terms of a new lease, the broad terms of the new lease were agreed shortly thereafter however the finalised offer of lease has now been put forward for signing.

Consent is sought from the Board for the Assessor to sign this lease which covers the period from October 2018 to March 2024.

3. Renfrewshire Council Property Review

Renfrewshire Council have informed us that it is undertaking a review of its property portfolio and that the Robertson Centre is part of this review. They have intimated that due to this they would prefer not to extend the lease beyond its currently agreed period.

4. Next Steps

The management team are continuing to explore options for a future office base for RVJB's functions.

A working group, made up of members of staff from across the organisation, has been set up to ensure that the team are kept informed of progress and can have a suitable level of input into the process.

It is recognised that some additional expenditure may fall within the current financial year to facilitate a move and it is intended that where this occurs this will be funded via use of reserves. This was detailed in the Treasurers Revenue Estimates Report 2023-24 approved at the 17th February 2023 Board Meeting.

The Board will be kept updated on progress via reports to future Board meetings.

5. Recommendations

It is recommend that the Board authorise the Assessor to rescind the existing lease, sign the new lease on terms as detailed in 2 and continue investigations for alternative accommodation and report to the next Board meeting

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