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Report

Subject: : Office Project – Arrangements for Corporate Items

Report to : The Cabinet

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Cabinet Member for Resources : Councillor Culver

1 Purpose:

To consider arrangements for corporate items arising from the closure of the Bourne Hill offices.

2 Background:

In the last few months service units have moved from Bourne Hill in preparation for the potential redevelopment of the site under the Office Centralisation Project.

Although service units have taken the majority of their equipment and furniture with them, there are also a number of corporate items (particularly relatively high value items such as pictures, clocks and furniture), which require special treatment.

With the full closure of Bourne Hill, the officers have undertaken an inventory of the items, sought valuations where appropriate, and arranged short-term storage. A list of the items including valuations and destinations is attached as **Annex A** to this report.

In summary, with some exceptions, these items are to be kept in the Council's ownership pending a decision on their long-term future when the refurbishment of Bourne Hill is nearing completion.

The Cabinet is asked to note the arrangements made and to authorise the officers to enter into detailed negotiations for the disposal of a limited number of items if it is considered appropriate.

3 Proposed Arrangements:

As shown in Annex 1 the majority of items will be stored in Council owned accommodations, particularly the Guildhall. This is considered to be appropriate for the following reasons:

- The storage is high grade and suitable for items being housed.
- The items would remain under the control of the Council and risks would be minimised.
- The use of the Guildhall allows increased access for the public enjoyment of the assets, particularly pictures, silverware and clocks.



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- It was not considered appropriate to dispose of the items due to:
- Questions over the legal title to some items. Many items came to be held by the Council following the transfer of assets from predecessor bodies. It is not always possible to ascertain how the items came into the possession of those bodies given the time that has elapsed.
- The Council's long-term requirements for the items have yet to be determined. At the time of writing the use of the ground floor of the original house by Wiltshire County Council's Registrar's Department is subject to continuing negotiations. Therefore it is not possible to identify which of the present items may or may not be required when the proposed redevelopment is completed.

In addition, some items have been loaned to appropriate organisations eg the Bust of Richard Jefferies, the clock from the Cabinet Room and the table from Committee Room 2. These items will remain in the Council's ownership.

4 Items for Possible Disposal

Although it is considered appropriate to retain most of the items pending a further review once the requirements for the refurbished building becomes clearer, the Cabinet may wish to consider the following requests which have been received:

1 The Edwin Young Pictures

The Curator of the Edwin Young Collection has contacted the Council with regard to future of 6 pictures by the Artist, which were housed in Committee Room 1. The Curator believes that these paintings formed part of the original bequest in 1912 although he is not certain.

The Edwin Young Collection is held in Trust (with Wiltshire County Council being the sole trustee) and is housed at the Salisbury Library.

As can be seen from Annex 1 the pictures do not have a high financial value.

The officers consider that it would be appropriate to enter into negotiations with the Trust over the future of the paintings as it would be beneficial for their preservation and provide access to a wider audience. It may also be possible, as part of any agreement, for other items within the Collection to be loaned to the Council on a temporary basis to be exhibited in the new offices.

2 The City Chairs

The Clerk to the Charter Trustees has contacted the Council with regard to 43 "City" chairs.

The chairs form part of a collection of over 100 bearing the "City" crest. In 2003 the Council transferred the ownership of 60 of the chairs, which were housed at the Guildhall, to the Charter Trustees under a covenant that the chairs would be restored and be retained for use in that building.

The Clerk considers that it would be prudent for the chairs to be reunited in the Guildhall and he is sure that in the future The Charter Trustees would look to refurbishing them as well.

The Council's Valuers did not consider that the chairs were of significant financial value although bringing the assets together would increase their overall value substantially.

The Cabinet is asked to consider the request from the Charter Trustees.

5 Recommendations:

- 1 that the arrangements for the storage of the corporate items be noted;
- 2 that the requests received for the disposal of those items listed in Section 4 of the report be determined, in principle;
- 3 that the officers be authorised to enter into detailed negotiations for the disposal of any items agreed in principle under (2) above; and
- 4 that a further report on the future retention and disposal of high value items be brought before the Cabinet prior to the reoccupation of Bourne Hill.

6. Implications:

- **Financial** : Where items are loaned the recipients are expected to prove adequate insurance cover.
- **Legal** : None
- **Personnel** : None
- **ICT** : None
- **Community Safety** : None
- **Environmental** : None

Annex A

Committee Room 1

Description of Item(s)	Insured Cost	Stored at
Bust Richard Jefferies (Plaster)		The Museum at Coate Water Swindon
Bust Wadham Wyndham (marble)		Guildhall
6 Water colour paintings by Edwin Young		
1. High Street Gate Salisbury – unfinished pencil drawing with watercolour Edwin Young)		Bequest to Edwin Young Trust in
2. Crane Bridge watercolour signed lower left Edwin Young)		Memory of Margaret
3. Yard at the rear of the Swan Inn East Harnham watercolour over pencil signed and dated lower left Edwin Young 1902)		Peach – Wiltshire County Council
4. South Gateway leading from The Close – unfinished pencil drawing with watercolour – Edwin Young)	£3,500	Library (Salisbury)
5. Cathedral from the south of Long Bridge – watercolour [The Old Swan Inn Harnham Edwin Young)		
6. The Old Swan Inn, Harnham)		
Books on shelves Public Health, LG Law, JPLG Review, Public Statutes	No Value – Archivist at WCC had no need for them	Disposed of
6 Photos of Past and Present Chairmen of the Council		Guildhall
	Cabinet	
Plates (Environmental Champions) and (Sign Language Achievers)	2	Guildhall
Silver Award	1	Guildhall
Charter Mark award (250 Links to Schools)	1	Guildhall
White Statute of Man outside Committee Room 1		Guildhall

Committee Room 2

Description of Item(s)	Cost	Stored at
40 Black Leather upholstery wooden framed chairs without arms with coat of arms and 3 carver chairs with coat of arms. This number includes those in the Cabinet Room and the Chief Executive Room	As a set including the same chairs already at the Guildhall making it 100 in all - £50,000	Guildhall
Large Oval mahogany extending table	£1,500-£2,000	Guildhall
5 paintings by Thomas Wakeman:		
1. St Ann's Gate	£ 800-00	All Stored at Guildhall
2. Old Salisbury	£1,000-00	
3. High Street, Salisbury	£ 800-00	
4. The Guildhall Salisbury	£ 800-00	
5. Fisherton Street	£ 800-00	

Stairwell

6 Portrait Paintings of the Eyre Family:-

Description of Item(s)	Cost	Stored at
1. Elizabeth Eyre 1703 – 1760 by T Hudson – presented by Douglas Eyre Esq 1927	£12,000-00	Hung in the Crown Court at the Guildhall.
2. Sir Robert Eyre Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas Recorder of Salisbury 1695 – 1735 – presented by Douglas Eyre Esq in 1922	£ 8,000-00	Hung in the Crown Court at the Guildhall.
3. Sir Giles Eyre Justice of the Kings Bench Recorder of Salisbury 1681 – 1684 and 1688 – 1695 – presented by Douglas Eyre Esq 1927	£ 6,000-00	Hung in the Crown Court at the Guildhall.
4. Mrs Elizabeth Eyre of Landford – Obit 1758 by Allan Ramsey – presented by Douglas Eyre Esq 1927	£12,000-00	Hung in the Crown Court at the Guildhall.
5. Giles Eyre Sergeant at Law 1673 – 1739 – Buried in the Temple Church London – presented by Douglas Eyre Esq 1927	£ 4,000-00	Hung in the Crown Court at the Guildhall.
6. Sir Samuel Eyre – Justice of the Kings Bench 1694 – presented by Alderman Ballard 1789	£ 6,000-00	Hung in the Crown Court at the Guildhall.
Picture of Spitfire and Tornado – Presented to the SDC by Members of the RAF serving at Boscombe Down to mark the 50 th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.		Stored at Guildhall
Unusual Grandfather Clock with tubular bell chimes (electric Mechanism) – Not working	Approx £200-300	Guildhall

Cabinet Room

Description of Item(s)	Cost	Stored at
Large Patterned Carpet - Valuable	£12,000	Guildhall
Small Large Patterned Carpet	£ 3,000	Guildhall
13 Black Leather upholstery wooden frame chairs without arms	Included in the 43 Chairs in Ctte Room 2	Guildhall
Black Leather upholstery wooden frame chairs with arms	Included in the 43 Chairs in Ctte Room 2	Guildhall
Large Oblong table with wooden legs (Conference)	Cllr Wren found	Depot
Dresser with mirror	£100/150	Depot
Wooden Desk – three draws each side (matches the dresser)	£ 50	Depot
Photos in frame of Opening of Pleasure Fair – Presented to Councillor Mrs Jay in the Millennium Year 2000	1	Guildhall – Charter Trustees

Member's Room

Description of Item(s)	Cost	Stored at
Brass based ashtray – blue marble effect Ornament of 6 men seated and 1 standing		Guildhall Guildhall
Pictures – Black and White		Guildhall
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The College Mansion – Bourne Hill Offices 2. Map of the Close and St Martins Parish 3. Sketch of Salisbury Cathedral 4. The Close, Salisbury 1952 – Drawn for the Sunday Times by Dennis Flanders and presented by the Viscount Kelmsley 5. Photograph – Trees, Wooden bridge over river 		

To note that these built-in walnut cabinets were given by Mrs Wort in memory of Alderman F H Wort JP

Silver – In the Ex-Chairman’s Room Cabinets

Contents of cabinet on the **LEFT**

Top Shelf	Cost	Stored at
1. Large Silver Cup – Salisbury prize fair for Sheep Challenge Cup dated 15 July 1931	All Silver Items included under a general insurance Civic Regalia	Guildhall
2. Green Apple Award 2001		Guildhall
3. Silver Fruit / Punch Bowl – The Salisbury Victory Mile Perpetual Trophy – presented the Salisbury Victory Fund 1946		Guildhall
4. Silver Cup – Salisbury Prize Fair for Sheep Challenge Cup – Presented by Lt Col F G Bailey on behalf of 80 registered.		Guildhall
2nd Glass Shelf		
1. Silver ornamental Valse		Guildhall
2. Round glass decanter with silver knob		Guildhall
Bottom Shelf		
1. Silver cup – presented to Amy Hall (with accompanying medal) in commemoration of the Queens Silver Jubilee 6 February 1952 – 6 February 1977		Guildhall
2. Silver Cup – Salisbury Horse Show Juvenile Challenge Cup – Best Show Pony		Guildhall
3. Ornamental Clock presented to the Mayor		Guildhall

Contents of cabinet on the **Right**

Top Shelf		
4 Awards for Britain in Bloom		Guildhall
Silver Inkwell – on loan from Salisbury Military Museum has been returned for the period of the decant		Salisbury Museum
Reception type silver bell		Guildhall
Second Shelf		
1. Silver Cup – Won by C J Woodrow		Guildhall
2. Silver Cup – The Elizabeth White Cup		Guildhall
Third Shelf		
1. Silver cup – Annual Council Houses Gardens competition		Guildhall
2. Fair Trade Bowl / under that glass bowl		Guildhall
Bottom Shelf		
Fruit designed Plate		Guildhall
Silver plate		Guildhall
2 Silver cups		Guildhall