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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
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Refurbishment and Reconfiguration of the Regional Council Centre

1. Purpose

To update the Committee in respect of the refurbishment and reconfiguration of the Regional Council Centre.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3) (b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Exclusion of the Public

Grounds for the exclusion of the public under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act of 1987 are:

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists, that is, to carry out without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

4. Background

As noted to Committee at their meeting on 12th June, there are a number of building renovations underway in respect of the Regional Council Centre. These changes are required due to the increased resources required in Transport.

These involve:

- Reconfiguring the ground floor including the entrance and the creation of two large meeting rooms.
- Creating additional space on level 2.

- Taking over space on level 8 from AIG to create a new meeting room.
- Reconfiguring of the Human Resources area.
- Moving Metlink from level 6 to level 9.

The total cost of these projects is \$876,000, of which \$514,000 is for the account of the landlord, Pringle House Limited, with the remainder, \$362,000 the responsibility of the tenant.

The Directors' of Pringle House Limited will be considering this at their meeting on 28th June. This amount has largely been included in Pringle House budget for 2007/08.

In respect of the tenant cost, the rate impact of this expenditure has been included in the rates for 2007/08.

5. Comment

A detailed report from Jozsef Bognar on this project has been included (refer **Attachment 1**). These projects are driven by two main factors:

- The need to create additional meeting rooms in the Regional Council Centre.
- The requirement to carry out refurbishment of the ground floor in accordance with the building maintenance plan.

6. Communication

No communications are necessary.

7. Recommendations

That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the Directors' of Pringle House Limited will be considering this matter at their meeting on 28th June.*
4. *Notes the expenditure of \$362,000 for the Regional Council Centre as detailed in Attachment 1.*

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Attachment 1: GWRC Tenancy Alterations – Regional Council Centre