



CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION 5 December 2005

Report of the Chair of the Culture and Prosperity Commission

Quad – Energy Costs

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To thank the Cabinet member for meeting with members of the Culture and Prosperity Commission and for agreeing to ask officers to explore the possibility of incorporating more 'green' energy saving measures in the Quad building.
- 1.2 To urge the Council Cabinet to support the Council Cabinet member for Leisure and Cultural Services and to give favourable consideration to the options for incorporating more 'green' energy saving measures in the Quad building.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 This item was on the agenda of the 31 October meeting of the Culture and Prosperity Commission. However the 31 October meeting had to be cancelled due to the consideration of two Call-In items. A separate meeting of the Commission was therefore scheduled in order to consider this item.
- 2.2 On Tuesday 15 November 2005, the Commission met with the Council Cabinet member for Leisure and Cultural Services to seek more detailed information on the funding of Quad, on the likely energy costs of operating it, and on the likely cost and benefits of the green measures that it is currently proposed to incorporate in the building. The following members were in attendance:

Councillor Travis – in the Chair
Councillors Graves, Jackson and West

Apologies were received from Councillors Dhamrait, Rawson, Troup and Willitts.
- 2.3 A number of questions were sent to the Cabinet Member ahead of the meeting and he provided a written response to members of the Commission, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The questions and response are attached at Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.4 The discussion focussed on two areas in particular; the use of photovoltaic cells on the roof and a borehole to capture geothermal energy. These were original design features of Quad.

- 2.5 The Council Cabinet Member agreed that it would be desirable for the greenest options to be included in the project. However, he pointed out that the capital costs of such measures were significant and told the Commission that there was at present insufficient finance to incorporate these measures in the design of the Quad building.
- 2.6 The Council Cabinet member for Leisure and Cultural Services did however agree to ask officers to:
- Investigate the availability of grants for installing 'green' energy measures
 - Consider the options available for providing 'green' energy to the building
 - Consider the Chair's suggestion that a large borehole could provide heating for the Guildhall and the Assembly Rooms as well as for Quad
 - Investigate the possibility of visiting comparable sites that were using 'green' energy in the UK to see whether the approach adopted there could also be applied to the Quad building.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Questions posed to and the response of the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Any reduction in the energy costs of operating Quad will be to the benefit of all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. This report has the potential to link to the following of the Council's Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities:

Objectives:

- A lively and energetic cultural life
- A prosperous successful and vibrant economy

Values

- Be open, transparent and honest in everything we do
- Adopt new ways of working wherever these will help us do things better and provide value for money, customer focussed services

Priorities

- Minimise increases in Council Tax and increase value for money services