10 MCMANUS GALLERIES - CLOSURE OF "DISCOVER YOUR PAST - TAYSIDE BEFORE HISTORY" DISPLAY (AN210-2005)

The preparation of McManus Galleries for redevelopment involves the dismantling of the permanent exhibition spaces.

As part of the phased closure of the building it is intended to close the "Discover Your Past" gallery from 1 June 2005.

The Lounge Café, which operates in this part of the premises, will also close from 1 June and be utilised as a temporary storage area whilst the gallery space is dismantled.

Part of the dismantling process involves the packing and removal from site of several large objects, including the Errol logboat and Egyptian and Pictish stonework, for which specialist expertise is required.

It is recommended that the following Quotation and allowance for contingency from a specialist contractor be accepted for this work to proceed.

Heritage Engineering, Glasgow £14,788.15 Contingency allowance £ 1.500.00

Total £16,288.15

It is further recommended that the following Quotations be accepted for the manufacture of specialist framing and the purchase of specialist storage containers.

D & W Coullie, Dundee £ 549.80

G. Ryder & Co, Milton Keynes £1,252.20

The total expenditure of £18,090.15 can be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's 2005/06 Capital Budget.