

Subject:	ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall – Capital and Maintenance Update
Date:	13 th November, 2023
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Restricted Reports				
Is this report restricted?	Yes No	x		
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?				
After Committee Decision				
After Council Decision				
Some time in the future				
Never				

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes X No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues	
	Members have requested regular updates on capital and maintenance works at the	
	ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall. This paper provides an update since the last report	
	to Committee.	
2.0	Recommendations	
2.1	Members are asked to review and note the update in relation to ongoing capital and	
	maintenance works at the ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall	

3.0	Main report
3.1	Key Issues
	Smoke Curtains & Replacement of Chiller Units
	The smoke curtains in the main auditorium and the replacement of the chiller units, both are now part of the Capital programme.
	Tender for consultancy to support the delivery of both of these items has been undertaken.
	Please note that there is no capital financing associated with this project and this will therefore also be subject to going through the Council's capital governance processes including going to Oversight Group and SP&R Committee to secure the necessary finance. This will be in two stages a) secure capital funding to undertake tender b) on tender return secure capital funding to undertake works.
	The first stage a) outlined above will be going to the October oversight group for finance approval.
	<u>Escalators</u>
	All issues with the escalators have now been resolved and recommissioning and certification took place on 14 th July 2023. Final payment has now been released to the contractor.
	The escalators are on a three-year comprehensive maintenance agreement with TKE so all maintenance required during that period will be covered at no additional cost to Waterfront Hall subject to fair usage and excluding damage such as vandalism.
	Installation of Solar Film
	The installation of the Solar Film is now 85% complete with the Terrace Restaurant and Bar 1 completed. The vertical glazing and roof panels in bar 2 are almost completed. Installation dates and times are being agreed with the WFH facilities Team to complete the works.
	Toilet Refurbishments – Waterfront Hall
	The proposed designs including finishes have been agreed with the Waterfront Hall facilities team. Building Control approvals have been received and the design package for tender is being finalised this week. There have been delays in progressing this project due to staff absences due to sickness, including the project manager, who remains on sickness absence. It is anticipated the tender process to appoint a contractor will be initiated commencing from next week and this process can take up to 16 weeks. A revised programme for the installation work will have to be agreed with the Waterfront Hall facilities team following successful appointment of a contractor.

4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
	As outlined in the report
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
	None arising
6.0	Appendices
	None