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Dear Councillors,

As promised, please find attached, two briefing notes in relation to the People's Palace and Winter Gardens. One is in relation to the outcome of the first workshop and the other is in relation to the works that are ongoing to get the People's Palace re-opened to the public again.

I trust you will find these notes informative. I will also forward these documents to the groups and individuals who have contacted me directly seeking updates.

Kind Regards,

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Briefing Note - Update on Winter Gardens & Peoples' Palace Working Group

Dear Elected Member,

I wrote you at the beginning of the New Year to let you know that we had set up a Peoples' Palace and Winter Gardens working group.

This followed the City Administration Committee paper in October that outlined plans for some remedial work to allow the Peoples' Palace to re-open around April and remain operational during the ongoing closure of the Winter Gardens.

Our first working group took place at the end of January and consisted of a selection of officers from across the council, as well as some external advisors. The workshop was facilitated by Architecture & Design Scotland.

The first session focused initially on the history of the building/s, their importance in Glasgow's history and culture, alongside their story, their connection to Glasgow Green, and the services and offer/s that have been delivered from the buildings. A number of possible future experiences, services and offers that would contribute to the buildings' sense of "place" and their contribution to the local and wider Glasgow communities.

The working group will meet again in early March, and we will provide a further update on the output from that meeting. The next workshop will consider the following:

1. Continue to identify the principles that underpin the People's Palace and Winter Garden's place in Glasgow
2. Explore possibilities & identify the challenges for the future sustainable operation of the buildings
3. Prepare an engagement plan for consultation with the local community and wider interest groups/communities
4. Prepare a Communications Plan to ensure pro-active communications with stakeholders and interested parties/groups
5. Review technical studies to establish the extent of the challenges associated with the building(s)
6. Identify possible external partners
7. Identify potential collaborative operating models

Following the next workshop, we hope to be in a position to:

- Identify the engagement strategy and timeline for consultation with the wider interested groups and organisations.
- Set out the process to developing future operating options
- Establish a programme and associated action plan

I trust this information is helpful in providing an update on the first workshop meeting and an outline of what actions will be undertaken as a result of the next meeting, which will include more detailed information on the approach to engaging with a wider group of individuals, groups and organisations.

Yours Sincerely,

People's Palace & Winter Garden Workshop Team

Briefing Note - Update on People's Palace Re-Opening Works

Dear Elected Member,

Following the City Administration Committee paper in October that outlined plans for some remedial work to allow the People's Palace to re-open and remain operational during the ongoing closure of the Winter Gardens; we have prepared this brief summary of activity undertaken to date, an indication of future activity and a programme to completion.

A lot of detailed work with the structural engineers and design team has taken place to assess the most efficient, cost effective and safe methodology for providing emergency escape from the People's Palace. Original proposals were revisited and new proposals prepared; removing the requirement to seek listed building consent to alter either building. Not only will these remove the need to seek permission to complete, but they are also more efficient for the public and staff who will be using the building, and more cost effective and quicker to complete.

The proposal involves creating a protective deck on the upper balcony, and an expansive protective deck and corridor on the ground floor; creating safe routes through the building to the escapes.

In addition to these works, proposals to relocate the café facility within the People's Palace have also been prepared and will require a minimal amount of work to complete.

The information has now been passed to our colleagues in City Building Glasgow for pricing and programme, and a pre-start meeting has been organised for week commencing 25th Feb with works anticipated to commence on the 4th March. We currently anticipate a 4-week work period which would see the People's Palace re-open on or around the 1st April; however, we await the contractor's detailed proposals before this is able to be fully confirmed.

We trust this information is useful to you.

Best Regards,

People's Palace & Winter Gardens – Project Team