

## **EX11. Refurbishment of Arnotdale House, Dollar Park, Falkirk**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services advising of a successful funding bid to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for the refurbishment of Arnotdale House and the proposed letting of the property to Cyrenians.

Arnotdale House is a Common Good property and a Grade B listed building, prominently situated within Dollar Park. The external fabric of the property was refurbished in 2014 and further capital funds of £450k had been allocated for a Phase 2 refurbishment. Phase 2 had been scheduled for 2016/17 following receipt of a proposal from Cyrenians. The works were put on hold in order to use the Council funds as leverage for external funding. The Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund has allocated funding of £1.125m for the project.

The proposal is to develop a café, events/meeting space and office accommodation in Arnotdale House. The key outputs of the refurbishment project and lease to Cyrenians are:-

- to provide work experience and job opportunities for people from deprived communities and vulnerable groups;
- that individuals on community payback or supervision orders will have access to learning new skills and development opportunities to help them back to work;
- that 4 new FTE jobs will be created, and
- to provide interpretation materials on the history of Dollar Park and Robert Dollar, who donated the park and Arnotdale House to the town.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed to the refurbishment of Arnotdale House using the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund award of £1.125m and £450k from the Council's capital programme to accommodate a community facility led by Cyrenians.**