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## Report of the Chief Recreation Officer

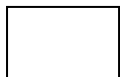
### Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### Subject: Roundhay Mansion Update

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
Roundhay



Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 To update Members of Scrutiny on the current position with regard to the Roundhay Mansion.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Members of Scrutiny will be aware that the main part of Roundhay Mansion has been vacant since 2003 following Craven and Gilpin surrendering their lease. In 2008 the Council progressed with the remarketing of the Mansion House on the basis that the Council would make a capital contribution to landlord's improvements.
- 2.2 Further to this exercise Executive Board agreed to select Dine Hospitality Limited as the preferred operator for the Mansion House In detail Executive Board resolved the following:

*"That approval be given to the granting of a lease of Roundhay Mansion to Dine Hospitality Limited on the terms as outlined within the confidential schedule of offers circulated at the meeting".*

## 3.0 Main Points

- 3.1 As a consequence of the resolution highlighted above officers have sought to complete an Agreement for Lease between the Council and Dine Hospitality Ltd for the Roundhay Mansion. This Agreement for Lease was completed on the 23rd December 2008. In addition to this progress, Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent was approved on the 20th January 2009 for the proposed remodelling works to the interior of the building together with the installation of a new fire escape. A license for civic weddings and liquor license have also been secured by Dine Hospitality Ltd.

- 3.2 Now that the approvals identified above are in place Dine Hospitality Ltd are progressing with their remodelling proposals. In summary their programme is outlined below:

6-27 February	Contractor Tender Period
27 Feb - 13 March	Evaluate tenders
30 March - 18 June	Contractor on site
22 June	Handover to Dine
27 July	Open Cafe to public
1 September	Open Functions to public

- 3.3 The Council is liaising closely with Dine Hospitality Ltd to monitor their progress on the implementation of the work. Dine Hospitality Ltd are also currently marketing the Mansion so that they can maximise the building's potential when it is open.

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the current progress with the letting of Roundhay Mansion.

#### Background Papers

None used