



Report on George Bernard Shaw House

We reported to the Arts and Culture SPC in March that the City Valuer's Office had assigned a Valuer to the case, and she has reviewed all the documentation supplied in relation to our instruction and the previous work completed by their office in relation to this property.

The Chief Valuer's Office has finalised negotiations in the matter and terms and conditions have been agreed for the acquisition by Dublin City Council of the leasehold interest held by Failte Ireland in the property. Failte Ireland currently holds the premises under a 200 year lease which was assigned to it by the Dublin Regional Tourism Authority and has agreed to transfer its interest to the Council without charge.

The matter has been referred to the Law Agent for preparation of the legal documents and it is a condition of the terms and conditions agreed by the Chief Valuer that the transaction will be completed as soon as practically possible.

It is proposed that the dwelling can accommodate 1 or 2 writers in an arrangement that avoids the subdivision of the modestly scaled house. City Architect's Department at our request have prepared a feasibility study for the adaption of the existing Museum as a residence as a "Writer in Residence" dwelling, thereby reinstating its original use as a dwelling. The proposed interventions and the reinstated use are appropriate to and will enhance the Heritage Significance, and provide for a sustainable use, of this protected Structure.

City Architects expect to commence the Statutory Approval process by the end of June, with a view to having City Council Approval by November and Tender documentation ready by the end of the year

As requested the Area Committee will be informed of progress between the Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee meetings.

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