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REPORT TO ARTS, CULTURE LEISURE AND
RECREATION SPC

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CITY LIBRARY PARNELL SQUARE

Earlier this year the City Council was advised by Kennedy Wilson that the required private fundraising for the project could take over 3 years and that there was no guarantee it would be successful. On 25 July 2019, in response to this development, the Chief Executive advised Elected Members that he proposed to proceed as follows with the project:

1. the City Council would assume full responsibility for the development of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter,
2. the feasibility of pursuing a two phased approach to delivering the overall project would be examined and
3. work would be undertaken to identify alternative funding sources.

Phase 1 of the project will deliver the new library building and all works to house No 27 together with limited works to the other Georgian buildings. The Design Team has been instructed to proceed with Stage 2C of the Project – which is design to tender. Ground investigation works and a package of enabling works will be undertaken ahead of the main contract

The Chief Executive has written to the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform seeking a meeting to discuss the possibility of Exchequer grant aid for the project.

Mairead Owens,
City Librarian
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