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Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC

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Item No. 3

***Molly Malone* by Jeanne Rynhart**

The sculpture of Molly Malone by Jeanne Rynhart located on Grafton Street Lower, which was gifted to Dublin City Council in 1988 as part of the Millennium Celebrations, had to be removed as part of the Luas Cross City works in 2013. Rather than placing the work in storage for the duration of the works, it was agreed by the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group and Strategic Policy Committee that it would be temporarily located outside St Andrews Church, St Andrew Street, to keep it on display for public enjoyment during the Luas Cross City works. The Railway Procurement Agency now Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) managed and paid for the relocation including undertaking important conservation works on the bronze and plinth.

The location has proved to be very successful, offering an excellent setting for the sculpture, and facilitating tourists to photograph and be photographed at it. There is no condition or agreed prerequisite in the Railway Order, governing the development of Luas Cross City to state that the sculpture has to be returned to its original location. Therefore, as the works on the Luas Cross City are nearing conclusion, it is proposed that the statue remain at its present location. This proposal is based on the success of the temporary location but also because there is no suitable location on Grafton Street Lower, which would facilitate viewers and tourists as safely as at the present location. Other sections including the South East Area Office, City Architects and Luas Cross City team were consulted in this process. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group at its meeting on the 1st of February, 2017.

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