

#### 14. ANNUAL PLAN MONITORING REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

The Committee considered the Annual Plan Monitoring Reports for the period to 31 December 2000 in respect of:

- Libraries Unit
- Robert McDougall Art Gallery and Art Annex
- Community Relations Unit (Interim Report to 30 November 2000)

Unit Managers and officers spoke to their reports, and the opportunity was taken by Committee members to ask questions on individual items within the reports.

Specific points raised in respect of unit reports included:

##### **Libraries Unit**

Good progress with achieving output performance indicators. Operational expenditure currently underspent and currently coming partly from two projects which will not be implemented until the second half of the financial year, namely, changes to the Central City Library and the implementation of the Library's call centre, the Fingertip Library. Other budget items were on target for the year ending 30 June 2001.

The information was **received**.

##### **Robert McDougall Art Gallery and Art Annex**

Messrs Gill Robertson, Manager, Financial and Building Services, Art Gallery, and Ronnie Kelly, Manager, Public Programmes, Art Gallery, spoke to the report.

They pointed out that the operational result at the end of December is deceptively good, in that there is a negligible variance of just under \$2,000. However, one central issue has distorted the overall picture, in that the international exhibition, "Treasures from Christ Church Oxford", has yet to have its costs acknowledged. These costs, due in January/February, will effectively increase costs by up to \$80,000, which in turn reflects the budget being overexpended by that amount. Gill Robertson also outlined responses to this situation.

The information was **received**.

##### **Community Relations Unit**

Mr Stephen Phillips, Community Relations Manager, spoke to the report and signalled that good progress is being made in terms of meeting performance indicators. Financially, the Unit remains within the overall budget and it is anticipated it will remain so at 30 June 2001.

The information was **received**.