

**From:** Foi Enquiries  
**Sent:** 05 August 2019 10:38  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-19-0923 - Glover House  
**Attachments:** V3 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 8 July 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

**Please provide me with the following in relation to Glover House, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen:-**

**1. Intentions of the local authority in relation to the future plans for the Glover House.**

Refine, Reconfigure and Refurbish Glover House.

Please refer the Council Committee page for more details at:

<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4902>

**2. Who is the designated responsible officer for the property.**

Richard Sweetnam

**3. What funds and total are held in reserve for the property.**

£300k

Please refer the Council Committee page for more details at:

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**4. Provide any documents which outline current considerations for the building and its future use.**

The property previously housed a museum, this was shut in the early 2010s. Since then the property has remained vacant.

This aims of this project are to:

- Ensure Thomas Glover House remains accessible to the public
- Sustain and enhance the Thomas Glover legacy
- Facilitate greater cultural exchange between Aberdeen and Japan
- Promote the objectives of the local community and provide public access
- Help safeguard the environment and promote sustainability
- Provide a sustainable use and revenue stream for the continued operation of the house and its gardens

Extensive engagement has been undertaken with a variety of stakeholders around the future of Thomas Glover House with plans yet to be finalised.

In December 2016, committee agreed to Refine, Reconfigure and Refurbish Glover House with the allocated funding.

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**5. Any provision for community asset transfer under the Community Empowerment Act Inventory of items held in storage by ACC, current and historical.**

The provision for an application under Community Empowerment is as defined within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. No approaches have been made by anybody in relation the building.

**6. Information on tree preservation orders Maintenance and dilapidations schedules.**

No Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) occur with the curtilage of Glover House.

The site is within the Old Aberdeen Conservation Area which applies a degree of protection to the trees there.

TPO 65 does occur immediately adjacent to the southern boundary of property, between it and the River Don.

Further information on Protected Trees in Aberdeen can be found on the Council's website, here:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/environment/protected-trees>

**7. Progress on seeking external funding thought Historical Scotland, Heritage Scotland or other trusts or grant funding bodies.**

Discussions are ongoing with Aberdeen University and a number of other interested parties and funding parties regarding a funding package for the building. No applications have been made to Historic Environment Scotland or other bodies at this time.

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST**

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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