# **Finance and Resources Committee**

# 10.00am, Thursday, 25 January 2024

# **Unit 4 Bonnington Business Centre, Jane Street, Edinburgh - Proposed New Lease**

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#### 1. Recommendations

1.1 That the Finance and Resources Committee approve a 20-year lease to Campervan Brewery Limited of the industrial premises at Unit 4 Bonnington Business Centre, Jane Street, Edinburgh on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Place.

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**Executive Director of Place** 

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### 2. Executive Summary

2.1 The premises at Unit 4 Bonnington Business Centre, Jane Street, Edinburgh are let to Campervan Brewery Limited on a lease expiring in January 2024. This report seeks approval to grant a new 20-year lease to Campervan Brewery Limited on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The premises known as Unit 4 Bonnington Business Centre extends to 230 sq m (2,475 sq ft) or thereby and is shown outlined in red on the attached plan.
- 3.2 Campervan Brewery Limited have occupied the premises since January 2017 and operate a microbrewery. The current rent is £20,520 per annum. The existing lease expired on 3 January 2024 and the tenant has requested a new 20-year lease to allow finance to be obtained to improve the property and enhance the business.

## 4. Main report

- 4.1 The following terms have been provisionally agreed:
  - 4.1.1 Subjects: Unit 4 Bonnington Business Centre, Jane Street, Edinburgh;
  - 4.1.2 Tenant: Campervan Brewery Limited;
  - 4.1.3 Lease term: 20 years from 4 January 2024;
  - 4.1.4 Break option: tenant break option on 4 January 2034 and 2039;
  - 4.1.5 Rent: £21,000 per annum;
  - 4.1.6 Rent Review: five yearly;
  - 4.1.7 Repair: full repairing obligation; and
  - 4.1.8 Costs: tenant responsible for the Councils legal costs.

4.2 The tenant has fulfilled all their legal and financial obligations in terms of the existing lease.

#### 5. Next Steps

5.1 Following approval of the terms by the Finance and Resources Committee, solicitors will be instructed to conclude the legal documentation.

### 6. Financial impact

When the lease is completed, the rent will increase from £20,520 to £21,000 per annum, to be credited to the General Property Account.

### 7. Equality and Poverty Impact

7.1 This is a new 20-year lease to an established tenant who has occupied the property since January 2017. It is not considered this proposal has any equality or poverty implications.

## 8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

8.1 It is considered there are no direct Climate and Nature Emergency Implications from offering a lease extension to the established tenant.

# 9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

- 9.1 Ward members have been aware of the recommendations of this report.
- 9.2 The proposed lease is in keeping with the Commercial Property Portfolio Strategy that was approved by Committee on 20 June 2023.

# 10. Background reading/external references

10.1 Commercial Property Portfolio Strategy.

# 11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 – Location plan.

