## **Finance and Resources Committee**

### 10.00am, Thursday, 14 March 2024

# Unit 3 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 3 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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#### 2. Executive Summary

2.1 The premises at Unit 3 Bonnington Business Centre, Jane Street, Edinburgh will be vacated by the current tenant in May 2024. Campervan Brewery Limited, who occupy the neighbouring unit, has requested a 20-year lease to facilitate business expansion. This report seeks approval to grant a 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 3 Bonnington Business Centre extends to 243sq m (2,616sq ft) or thereby as shown outlined in red on the attached plan. The existing tenant of Unit 3 does not want to renew their lease beyond the expiry date of 26 May 2024.
- 3.2 Campervan Brewery Limited currently occupy the adjoining Unit 4 with the Committee <u>approving</u> a new 20-year lease on 25 January 2024.
- 3.3 To facilitate further business expansion, Campervan Brewery are seeking a similar new lease on Unit 3 when it is vacated.

#### 4. Main report

- 4.1 The following terms have been provisionally agreed:
  - 4.1.1 Subjects: Unit 3 Bonnington Business Centre, Jane Street, Edinburgh;
  - 4.1.2 Tenant: Campervan Brewery Limited;
  - 4.1.3 Lease term: 20 years from 27 May 2024;
  - 4.1.4 Rent: £19,800 per annum;
  - 4.1.5 Break option: Tenant only on 27 May 2034 and 2039;
  - 4.1.6 Rent Review: Five yearly to open market value;

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- 4.1.7 Repair: Tenant full repairing obligation; and
- 4.1.8 Costs: Tenant responsible for the Councils legal costs.
- 4.2 Campervan Brewery Limited has performed in accordance with the terms of the existing leases on two other Council owned properties.

#### 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

6.1 Effective from 27 May 2024 the annual rent will be £19,800 per annum. The income goes to the General Property Account.

#### 7. Equality and Poverty Impact

7.1 This is a new 20-year lease for a property that has been in business use for many years. It is considered this proposal does not have 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 <u>Commercial Property Portfolio Strategy</u>.

#### **11. Appendices**

11.1 Appendix 1 – Location plan.

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