Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 20 June 2023

101 Canongate, Edinburgh – Proposed Lease Extension

Executive/routine Routine

Wards 11 – City Centre

Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

1.1 That the Finance and Resources Committee approve a 10-year lease extension to Malky and Sons Bhakar Limited of 101 Canongate on the terms outlined in this report.

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2. Executive Summary

2.1 No. 101 Canongate is let to Malky and Sons Bhakar Limited until 30 September 2023. The tenant has requested a 10-year lease extension and approval is sought to grant this on the terms and conditions outlined in this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The property known as 101 Canongate extends to 55.50 sq m (597 sq ft) and is shown outlined in red on the attached plan.
- 3.2 Malky and Sons Bhakar Limited has occupied the property since June 2018 and operate a gift shop. The current rent for the subject is £13,650 per annum.
- 3.3 The existing lease expires on 30 September 2023 and the tenant has requested a 10-year lease extension until 30 September 2033.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The following terms have been provisionally agreed:
 - 4.1.1 Subjects: 101 Canongate, Edinburgh;
 - 4.1.2 Tenant: Malky and Sons Bhakar Limited;
 - 4.1.3 Lease extension: 10 years from 30 September 2023;
 - 4.1.4 Rent: £18,000 per annum (current market value);
 - 4.1.5 Rent review: Five (5) yearly;
 - 4.1.6 Repair: tenant full repairing liability; and
 - 4.1.7 Costs: tenant responsible for Council's legal costs.
- 4.2 Due to COVID-19 and its effect on Edinburgh's tourist industry, the tenant has built up rental arrears. A repayment plan is in place in order that the arrears are cleared by the commencement of the proposed lease extension.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Following approval of the terms by Committee, Legal Services will be instructed to progress with the documentation for the new lease.

6. Financial impact

6.1 Effective from the 30 September 2023 the annual rent will be increased from £13,650 per annum to £18,000 per annum credited to the General Property Account.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 Ward members have been made aware of the recommendations of this report.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 None.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Location plan.

