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Background information: Proposed pathway to open museum agreed

The process so far

Southland Museum and Art Gallery was closed to the public in April, 2018.

In July 2020, the Invercargill City Council Infrastructural Services Committee resolved:

1. *Council fulfils its obligations under Section 77 of the Local Government Act that Council ask the Chief Executive to report to Council with all options for redevelopment of the Museum pyramid on the existing site within five months; to enable the options to be included in the draft Long-term Plan for consultation; and*
2. *Council support a budget estimate of \$250,000 to be referred to the Quarterly Finance Report, and;*
3. *Council's preference, where possible is that local firms are used on behalf of Council due to our desire to support local businesses.*

As a result, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG) has produced an "Options Report" to provide Council with the relevant information in order to assess the options and formulate a pathway forward.

The Infrastructural Services Committee considered the TBIG report at its meeting on December 1, and resolved to:

1. *Receive the report "Southland Museum and Art Gallery – Options"*
2. *Receive the [TBIG Options] report*
3. *Note the five options within the report.*
4. *Note that staff advice is that Option A should be eliminated because the level of seismic resilience is inadequate for a civic building open to the public and housing many treasures.*
5. *Advise staff that Option C should be considered for inclusion in the review of strategic projects.*
6. *Note that the option identified will then be included in the final draft of the 2021-31 LTP, and public consultation will inform the final outcome.*
7. *Release the contents of the report[s] ... after the SMAG Trust Board have been fully advised of the contents of both reports.*

On December 2, Councillors attended a workshop where it considered all strategic projects to be included in the Long-Term Plan. During this workshop they discussed Option C, and considered it in the context of wider city planning and budgets.

What is Option C?

The Museum building will be strengthened to 67% New Building Standard and fully refurbished throughout. The refurbishment scope includes:

- Full interior refurbishment including replacement of the Café
- Replacement of the existing Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System
- Replacement of electrical services including new lighting throughout
- Upgrade to Fire Protection System
- Improved vertical circulation including new stairs and accessible lift
- Full IT upgrade
- New exhibition fit-out
- New furniture, fittings and equipment
- General future proofing and durability

Option C is expected to cost approximately \$52.5 million, and would take about 37 months to complete, based on an estimate of 11 months for design work, 4 months for tendering and consenting, and 21 months for construction.

Next steps

Option C will now be included in the draft Long-Term Plan, which the community will have the opportunity to have their say on in March.

Councillors have indicated that they would like progress to be made on the museum (e.g. design work started) as soon as the Long-Term Plan is adopted.

Where can I find out more information?

More information about the reports referred to above will be made publicly available on our website soon.

More information about the Long-Term Plan process is available on our website at www.icc.govt.nz/public-documents/waihopai-he-ngakau-aroha-our-city-with-heart/