

11.5 VARIATION OF LEASE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL ARTISTS AS JOINT LESSEES - HALVORSEN HALL, ROBERTSON PARK, 176 FITZGERALD STREET, PERTH

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Attachments: 1. Plan of Halvorsen Hall, Robertson Park

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

1. **APPROVES** a variation of the lease with Graham Hay, Umberto Alfaro, Frances Dennis, Carol Rowling, Lauren Wilhelm and Renae Edward of Halvorsen Hall, located at Robertson Park, 176 Fitzgerald Street, Perth, to:
 - 1.1 remove Umberto Alfaro, Lauren Wilhelm and Renae Edward as joint lessees; and
 - 1.2 add Sarah Marchant, Christopher McClelland and Bethamy Linton as joint lessees.
2. **Subject to final satisfactory negotiations being carried out by the Chief Executive Officer, AUTHORISES** the Mayor and Director Corporate Services to affix the common seal and execute the variation of lease in 1 above.
3. **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer and / or Director Corporate Services to approve **future a variations** to the lease **as required** for the sole purpose of adding or removing joint lessees to the existing lease which runs until 1 March 2020; and
4. **AUTHORISES** the Mayor and Director Corporate Services to affix the common seal and execute any Deed of Variation of lease approved under the authorisation granted in 1 above.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek approval to vary the lease of Halvorsen Hall, located at Robertson Park, 176 Fitzgerald Street, Perth (Halvorsen Hall), to amend details of the joint lessees.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999 the Perth band terminated its lease of Halvorsen Hall (**Attachment 1**) and the City subsequently advertised for Expressions of Interests for its lease. The City received submissions from several interested community groups, but it was instead decided that Halvorsen Hall be hired casually to the community.

In December 1999 a group of established local artists specialising in sculptures, paintings and creative music expressed an interest to enter into a lease in respect to Halvorsen Hall. The artists intended to operate community art classes from Halvorsen Hall, as this would create an income stream for the artists and also promote the artwork to the community.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 18 January 2000 (Item 10.3.6) Council approved a one year lease to the artists, represented by Graham Hay, with an option for the lease to be renewed annually for a further four years. The lease was renewed in 2001, 2002 and 2003. In 2003 the artists requested a longer term lease, and at the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 16 December 2003 (Item 10.3.7) Council made the following resolution:

“That the Council APPROVES of a three (3) year lease term with an option period of a further three (3) years with Graham Hay and co-artists for Halvorsen Hall situated at Robertson Park, Fitzgerald Street, subject to satisfactory negotiations being carried out by the Chief Executive Officer.”

This lease expired on 28 February 2010.