Planned relocation of Edinburgh Printmakers to Fountainbridge

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The council will discuss the proposed relocation of Edinburgh Printmakers at today's Finance and Budget Committee Meeting.

A Council report indicates the gallery has outgrown its current premises on Union Street and that an alternative site has been identified as the former North British Rubber Factory building in the Fountainbridge area of the city.

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It is hoped that plans to turn the disused Category C listed building into a world class arts hub will be taken forward this morning with a request that the Director for Services for Communities enter into detailed and exclusive discussions with Edinburgh Printmakers to agree the deal to buy the old factory building. Additional information will be made available for the next Finance and Budget Committee meeting on 6 June 2013.

The report claims that consultation with local community groups indicate that this would be a welcome amenity to the area.

Proposals to relocate the arts facility to a purpose-built development on Market Street were shelved earlier in the year due to financial shortfalls.

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Here is a copy of the report which is just one of many on the long agenda to be considered this morning. The meeting is open to the public.

Item No. 7.10 Former North British Rubber Company Building 1