

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	28 January 2011
Title:	Hampshire Museums and Arts Service- Planning for the Future
Reference:	2530
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member:

- a) Welcomes receipt of in principle approval from the MLA regarding the Renaissance Operational Plan 2011/12 and consequently endorses the implementation of the new operational structure for the Hampshire Museums and Arts Service from 1 July 2011.
- b) Welcomes the significant progress made in reducing the number of compulsory redundancies in Phase 1 and endorses efforts to support and redeploy any remaining staff.
- c) Welcomes the creation of the Alton Museums Partnership Steering Group and support the development of a formal partnership group and agreement with Hampshire Museums and Galleries Trust, the detail of which will be presented to the March 2011 Executive Member Decision Day, accompanied by details of a bid for community partnership transition funding.
- d) Approves the County Council's Community Partnership Transition Fund criteria, and making the Fund available for applications with immediate effect.
- e) Approves the move to full cost budgets for Joint Management Committees and Service Level Agreements and welcomes the benefits that this approach offers in terms of ensuring fully transparent and outcome specific reporting.
- f) Notes the intention to commence work upon Phase 2 of the Museums and Arts Strategic Review and supports the outline approach presented in this report prior to more detailed proposals in Spring 2011.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. This decision is required in recognition of the severe financial adjustment that is necessary in response to the 20% reduction in funding in the Museums Service Budget as set out in the Executive Member report of 17 November 2010.
- 2.2. Recent confirmation of in principle support for the Renaissance Programme operational plan for 2011/12 now enables the County Council to extend the implementation of the new structure emerging from phase 1 of the Museums and Arts Service until 1 July 2011.
- 2.3. The report also updates the Executive Member on progress with the development of Community Partnership initiatives, particularly at Alton, and that the decision concerning the Community Partnership Transition Fund is necessary to make support available to such initiatives.
- 2.4. Equally the Museums and Arts Service wishes to move towards a full cost model in support of Joint Management Committees and Service Level Agreements to aid transparency in terms of ongoing planning and discussions with partner authorities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None – The proposals set out in this report relate directly to the context and actions set out in the phase 1 re-organisation report presented on 17 November 2010. As such they represent the next step in implementing the decisions agreed in that report.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None

- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

28 January 2011

**Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Councillor Mrs. M. Snaith-Tempia**