

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	4 November 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Arts and Museums Service – Planning for the Future: Phase 2
<b>Reference:</b>	3374
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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**1. The decision:**

1.1. That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation:

- a) Approves the Hampshire-Solent Alliance application to the Renaissance Major Grants fund, 2012/13, with Hampshire County Council acting as the Lead Applicant, in accordance with the proposals identified in this report.
- b) Notes that Arts Council England announcements will be made regarding Major Grants awards in January 2012. If the Hampshire-Solent Alliance application is successful, the Executive Member will receive a further report in Spring 2012 outlining the detailed outcomes of the application process and seeking approval to accept the grant together with any necessary legal agreements in the County Council's role as lead applicant.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. The report Introduces Phase 2 of the Hampshire County Council Arts and Museums review and proposes a strategic approach to address the financial pressures faced by Hampshire County Council and its partner organisations. This approach builds upon the decisions and fundamental principles agreed as part of Phase 1 of the Museums Service Review in 2010 (Reference 2154).
- 2.2. The Hampshire-Solent Alliance Renaissance bid is a key component of the strategic approach proposed under Phase 2.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Putting in no bid – rejected on the grounds that we would fail to secure a significant source of external investment and fail to meet our proposed ambition to continue delivery of a nationally significant service.
- 3.2. Putting forward a Hampshire County Council only bid – rejected on the grounds that a sole bid would fail to meet the Renaissance major grants criteria and that the partnership approach of the Alliance has a much stronger prospect in the application process.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Councillor Keith Chapman</b>	