

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	20 January 2012
Title:	Hampshire Arts and Museums Service – Towards a Fully Integrated Merger with Southampton City Council and Winchester City Council
Reference:	3550
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation:

- a) Approves the identification of the preferred option as the establishment of a charitable company limited by guarantee to deliver Hampshire County Council Arts and Museums, Southampton City Council Arts and Heritage and Winchester City Council Museums services.
- b) Approves the development of a detailed business case and the process of checking due diligence on the preferred option during the January-August period 2012.
- c) Agrees to consider an update report in April/ May 2012 on the business case that seeks permission to enter into public and initial staff and union consultation regarding the preferred option in Summer 2012.
- d) Subject to the above agrees to consider a decision report concerning the establishment of an FIM organisation in late 2012, for implementation if approved in 2013/14.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 Previous reports (8 July 2010, 17 November 2010, 28 January 2011, 8 March 2011 and 8 July 2011) have alerted the Executive Member to work aimed at considering the potential for a Fully Integrated Merger (FIM) with other authorities.
- 2.2 This work has now got to a stage where approval is required to undertake a detailed consideration of the preferred option to set up a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (FIM),

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 The options reviewed were as follows:

- a) Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (FIM)
- b) Joint Venture Company (FIM)
- c) Shared administrative service hosted by 1 local authority partner (FIM)
- d) Status Quo
- e) No FIM organisation. Outsourcing of individual partner services to commercial organisation/ charitable trust

3.2 Appendix 2 of the report outlines these options and summarises their relative scoring.

3.3 Of particular note is the Status Quo option score which reflects the fact that it will be difficult to raise profile, expand audiences, and raise income, if savings just serve to reduce levels of service and the local authority context continues to constrain opportunities for additional enterprise and external investment.

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:
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Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Councillor Keith Chapman	