

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	8 March 2012
Title:	Arts and Museums Service – Planning for the Future: Phase 2
Reference:	3698
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member
- i) Approves the proposed model for community partnership between Hampshire County Council Arts and Museums Service and One Community, Council for Voluntary Services in Eastleigh and the attached Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix 1) between Hampshire County Council and One Community for the management partnership with volunteers for the front of house facilities and services at Eastleigh museum for an initial 18 month period from 29/5/2012.
 - ii) Notes the temporary transitional closure for a three weeks period, to the general public of the selected community museums as per sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the report.
 - iii) Welcomes the significant progress made in reducing the number of compulsory redundancies in Phase 1.
 - iv) Notes the progress in developing the Community Museum Volunteer programme, and Community partnerships at Alton, Rockbourne Bursledon and Eastleigh.
 - v) Notes the update on the Hampshire-Solent Alliance and supports efforts to negotiate alternative funding streams with Arts Council England.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. In relation to Eastleigh Museum, original Phase 2 proposals assumed a similar 16% reduction of the contribution from Eastleigh Borough Council.

- 2.2. Eastleigh Borough Council revised the reduction to 55% of the current budget (a decrease from £66,750 to £30,000). This reduction was re-stated at the Joint Management Committee meeting on 12 October 2011. Eastleigh Borough Council has informed us that this reduction is an outcome of the need to increase investment in other services in Eastleigh Town that have been affected by a reduction in partnership funding. The scale of this reduction rendered the current Phase 2 proposals financially unviable
- 2.3. From consultation and discussions with other community groups the One Community partnership emerged as the most viable option. This proposition is a hybrid of the options considered below.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Option 1 – Seek alternative governance and operational arrangements through community partnership scheme.
- 3.2. Option 2 - Eastleigh Museum to support the establishment of a Creative industries Hub.
- 3.3. Option 3 A Health and Wellbeing Centre with a Cultural Heritage Theme

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	