

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	14 May 2012
Title:	Hampshire Arts and Museums Service – Towards a Fully Integrated Merger with Southampton City Council and Winchester City Council (museums)
Reference:	3824
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) Notes the update report on progress with the Fully Integrated Merger (FIM) Project
- b) Approves entering into public consultation regarding the general principle of establishing a charitable company limited by guarantee to deliver arts, museums and heritage services for the 3 partner authorities.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The Executive Member for Culture and Recreation approved preparation of a detailed business case for the establishment of a charitable company limited by guarantee to deliver arts, museums and heritage services for the 3 partner authorities on 20 January 2012
- 2.2. A decision to enter into public consultation on this matter during June-August 2012 will ensure that the detailed business case is informed by wider stakeholder ideas and issues, and that this feedback is taken into consideration by the Executive Member when a decision is made in late 2012 regarding whether to proceed.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Proceed with development of business case without public consultation at this stage.

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:

14 May 2012

**Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Councillor Keith Chapman**