

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	25 April 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Arts and Museums Service – Accreditation Return 2013 and collections management policies for approval
<b>Reference:</b>	4698
<b>Report From:</b>	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 information provided on the Arts Council [Museums Accreditation Scheme](#), the aims and benefits of the Scheme, progress made and next steps in the preparation of the 2013 Accreditation Return and the implications for Hampshire County Council.
- b) Approves the submission of an Accreditation Return to Arts Council England within the required timescale.
- c) Approves the Hampshire County Council Arts and Museums Service collections management policies for Collections Development, Documentation and Care and Conservation and the Access Policy Statement.

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

- 2.1. Retention of Museums Accreditation status is crucial for the Arts and Museums Service and is fundamental to the delivery of its strategic plan. It demonstrates that the museums managed by Hampshire County Council have met a national standard, which strengthens applications for public and private funding and gives investors confidence in the organisation. It serves as an authoritative benchmark for assessing performance, rewarding achievement and driving improvement

2.2. It is a requirement of Accreditation that the Arts and Museums Service provides evidence that its policies for Collections Development, Documentation and Care & Conservation and Access have been approved by its governing body (Hampshire County Council). This Decision Record will be used as evidence that this approval has been given.

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

3.1. Do not reapply for Museums Accreditation status – This option is not viable, because the Arts and Museums Service would cease to be eligible for several significant sources of external funding and its professional reputation would be damaged. Its ability to continue to improve its performance would also be reduced.

3.2. Do not seek approval of collections management policies and the Access Policy Statement – Again, this is not viable. Approval of these policies by the museums' governing body is a requirement of Accreditation.

**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 Conduct Advisory Panel: 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>	