

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	16 September 2014
Title:	Delegation of duties to Hampshire Cultural Trust for the Red House Museum and Art Gallery and the Allen and Curtis Museum Foundation
Reference:	6068
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

At the meeting, further to the report and to take account of the wider legal context, the Director clarified the names of those bodies involved. The following decision was then made:

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside agrees to the delegation of duties of the County Council as sole Trustee of the Red House Museum and Art Gallery, the Allen and Curtis Museum Foundation and the Curtis Museum to the Hampshire Cultural Trust, subject to the Trust Board accepting a fiduciary duty in relation to those duties under option a) outlined in section 4.2 of this report.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 On 3 July 2014 the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside approved the transfer of the Arts and Museums Service to the Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) and on 24 July the Executive Member Policy and Resources approved the final actions required to complete the transfer. These decisions authorise the removal of the Arts and Museums Service from the County Council and places delivery of the Service into the stewardship of an independent charitable trust.
- 1.2. This report seeks approval to a delegation of Hampshire County Council's duties as sole Trustee of the Red House Museum and Art Gallery (Red House) and the Allen and Curtis Foundation (Allen and Curtis) to the Hampshire Cultural Trust, subject to the formal acceptance of the delegation by the HCT Board at its Board meeting on 23 September 2014.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 To have separate ring fenced payments for both the Red House and Allen and Curtis which specifies that the Trust may only use such grant money in accordance with the objects of each respective charity. Although this option would meet the duties of the Council as sole Trustees, the chosen option above is simpler to administer and deliver.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. 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:

Approved by:

Date:

16 September 2014

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