

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	4 December 2014
Title:	The Andover Museum Deed of Waiver
Reference:	6275
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

- i) Approves the formal confirmation of the deed of waiver to conclude the necessary governance arrangements and the termination of the Andover Museum Joint Management Committee as of 31 March 2015..
- ii) Welcomes the new role of the Hampshire Cultural Trust in developing new opportunities to support and develop arts and museums activities both across the county and as part of ongoing collaboration locally in Andover.

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.
- 2.2. For many years the Borough and County Council have worked together to support the operation of The Lights and the Museum whereby the governance and funding of the Museum operated through a Joint Management Committee.
- 2.3 This has been reflected in parallel and contra-flowing funding whereby a significant grant was received from TVBC for the running of the museum and the Borough received a similar grant from Hampshire County Council in support of The Lights. The proposed position for the future funding of arts

and museums provision in Test Valley is that TVBC and HCC give reciprocal notice with regards the Andover Museum Joint Management Agreement and The Lights Investment Fund Grant to cease this cross-subsidy from 2015/16. A Deed of Waiver has been drafted (Appendix 1) and authority is being sought from both HCC and TVBC to give reciprocal notice for termination. As part of this decision making at HCC it will be requested that funding is re-directed to the Hampshire Cultural Trust to support Andover Museum and Museum of the Iron Age.

2.4 In advance of the formal cessation of the JMC joint discussions took place around cancelling out the common element of this funding. It was also suggested that any budget shortfall would be covered in an appropriately adjustment from the grants budget

3. Other options considered and rejected:

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