

**APPENDIX 2: PROGRESS REGARDING
ALTERNATIVE PARTNERSHIP MODELS
(at 22 October 2010)**

1. Bursledon Windmill

1.1 Starting point - Level of service in 2011-12 based on proposed Hampshire County Council funding and funding from Eastleigh Borough Council, Bursledon Parish Council in partnership with the Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust

To support opening for visitors

To enable enjoyment and learning about this historic working windmill

- Bursledon Windmill open to the public and milling (weather dependent) each Sunday, 11-4pm, 52 weeks per annum Two members of paid staff will undertake these duties on a weekly basis (A visitor services assistant and museums assistant), managed by the Area Community Curator (SE Hampshire).
- Weather conditions will be monitored by Area Community Curator (SE Hampshire) with support of Bursledon Windmill and Eastleigh Museum staff. Bursledon Windmill staff will act as callout (paid) for turning the sails when rough weather is expected. This activity will be supported by Manor Farm staff, when appropriately trained
- Schools learning sessions and other booked groups by arrangement (programmes developed from current level)
- Premises and maintenance costs to be covered by the arrangement with Hampshire County Council (including Health and Safety element associated with orientating sails during extreme weather)

1.2 Initial ideas being considered for future partnership working

- Develop volunteer team to support interpretation, milling activity and maintenance (a bid will be submitted for transitional Renaissance funding, if available, to support this initiative)
- Develop partnership open days, learning sessions and family holiday events
- Develop future long-term plans for development and operation of Bursledon Windmill from 2012/13 onwards

Other organisations being consulted in addition to the Joint Management Committee

- Manor Farm, Bursledon
- Hampshire Mills Group
- Bursledon Brickworks
- Eling Tide Mill
- Hampshire Fayre
- A Space (creative artists studios)

1.3 Potential project for transitional Renaissance Business Plan 2011-12 (subject to MLA approval):

- Volunteer development programme (in conjunction with Rockbourne Roman Villa) – a temporary post to work with local communities and develop sustainable volunteer teams to support activities at Bursledon Windmill in partnership with local organisations

2. Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

2.1 Starting point - Level of service in 2011-12 based on proposed Hampshire County Council funding

To support opening for visitors

To develop new opportunities for learning and community engagement

- Open as a learning resource centre for booked school groups and other community groups
- Base for wider learning and community engagement work across East Hampshire
- Guided tours of Allen Gallery and Curtis Museum offered one Saturday/ Sunday per month
- Allen watercolours available digitally online

2.2 Initial ideas being considered for future partnership working

- Transform the Allen Gallery into a museum and gallery for both local users and tourists. Open to the public on a regular basis and telling the creative story of Alton from the Saxon Alton buckle to Jane Austen's town and the Allen watercolours. Perhaps incorporating tourist information function. Operated by local partners with learning, exhibitions, collections and marketing support provided by Hampshire County Council.
- Transform the Curtis Museum into a learning resource centre where younger and older users can explore their own personal, family and community histories through accessing archival and museum collections. Create an accessible learning space on the ground floor run by Hampshire County Council and a volunteer-run history study centre on the first floor.
- Work with Alton Town Council to seek external funding to improve external appearance and landscaping of the external facades and courtyard area between the Curtis Museum and Assembly Rooms.
- Hampshire Museums and Galleries Trust could play a key role in helping to develop and deliver this type of opportunity in partnership with local organisations and Hampshire County Council.

Other organisations being consulted

- Alton Town Council

- Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery
- Save the Alton Museums campaign group
- The Alton Society
- East Hampshire District Council
- Alton Community Centre
- Alton College
- Treloars School (December)

**2.3 Potential project for transitional Renaissance Business Plan 2011-12
(subject to MLA approval):**

- Contribution towards costs involved in establishing a sustainable alternative partnership model including the development of concepts concerning the transformation of the Allen Gallery and Curtis Museum into a new cultural centre for Alton and East Hampshire.

3. Rockbourne Roman Villa

3.1 Starting point - Level of service in 2011-12 based on reduced Hampshire County Council funding

To support opening for visitors

To develop new opportunities for learning and community engagement

- Villa site and visitor centre open one day per week, 20 weeks per annum (peak season)
- Unmanned access to site (not visitor centre) during peak season
- Six event days during peak season
- Schools learning sessions and other booked groups by arrangement continue as presently
- Grounds maintenance continued all year

3.2 Initial ideas being considered for future partnership working

- Additional programme of events and open days using the site and visitor centre during the peak season
- Use of site and visitor centre as a learning resource for students of specific local schools
- Extra day open per week during peak season
- Community archaeology investigation project – the Iron Age to Roman transition – an externally funded project. Located in the Cranbourne Chase AONB – a rich prehistoric landscape and home to modern archaeological excavation.
- Schools learning programmes that make connections between Rockbourne and Fordingbridge

Other organisations consulted

- New Forest Park Authority
- English Heritage
- Fordingbridge Town Council
- Fordingbridge Museums Trust
- Hampshire County Council Countryside Service

**3.3 Potential project for transitional Renaissance Business Plan 2011-12
(subject to MLA approval):**

- Volunteer development programme (in conjunction with Bursledon Windmill) – a temporary post to work with local communities and develop sustainable volunteer teams to support activities at Rockbourne Roman Villa in partnership with local organisations