

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Culture and Recreation |
| Date: | 8 July 2010 |
| Title: | Hampshire Museums and Arts Service- Planning for the Future |
| Reference: | 1637 |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs |

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1. The decision:

- a) Approval be given to the development of an appropriate heritage asset management plan with an initial draft framework for consideration in a further report in November 2010, with final draft being completed by March 2011
- b) Approval be given to a re-shaping of the Museums and Arts Service according to the underlying principles and direction of travel set out in this report as the basis for a process of consultation with staff and key partners over summer/autumn 2010.
- c) Consider a further report in November 2010 regarding the re-shaping of the Museums and Arts Service. This will include a response to both the results of the consultation process and Comprehensive Spending Review, in order to enable a decision on a new structure for the service for implementation from April 2011.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 Hampshire's heritage assets – museums, arts, archives, historic sites, landscape – play an important role in defining the county and its people. They are a major driving force in the portrayal and profile of Hampshire as a destination or location for those seeking to live in, work in or visit such a diverse and vibrant place. In this period of significant change and uncertainty, a strategic vision and asset management plan will enable Hampshire County Council to prioritise its work and provide a framework within which these assets can be used most effectively to support the needs of twenty-first century Hampshire and its residents.
- 2.2 The re-shaping of the Museums and Arts Service will enable it to take a lead role in delivering on this vision and plan whilst managing the potential implications of a significant withdrawal of central government support in this

area of work. It will also seek to embed the benefits and good practice developed through the Renaissance, Find Your Talent and EDGE programmes developed over recent years.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 To do nothing would result in a failure to plan for potential and significant changes in the funding and delivery environment faced by the service.

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:

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| Approved by: | Date: |
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| Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Councillor Mrs. M. Snaith-Tempia | |