

# **A Resilient Arts, Museums and Heritage Offer for Hampshire**

Presentation on the FIM Proposal to  
Culture and Rural Affairs Select  
Committee

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# The FIM Proposition

- To establish a charitable company limited by guarantee to deliver the following services:
  - HCC Arts and Museums Service
  - SCC Arts and Heritage Service
  - WCC Museums Service
- Key exclusions include:
  - Hampshire Records Office
  - HCC and SCC Libraries
  - WCC Arts Service



# Learning from Elsewhere: Benefits

- Larger, Stronger Team with Confidence to be Bold and Ambitious
- Thinking Big in our Programming
- Enterprising and Fleet of Foot
- Better Use of Tax-payers' Funding



# Learning from Elsewhere: Risks

- How can we retain an appropriate voice for Hampshire County Council and its district/ borough partners?
- How can we ensure that the new organization survives the early years to become a flourishing business?
- What happens if one of the partners decides to withdraw or reduce its contribution significantly in the future?



# Asking the Public

- What are the strengths of the current service?
- What, if anything, deters you from visiting local museums and galleries nowadays?
- If the plan were to go ahead, what do you hope it might achieve for you/ your family?



# Asking the Public

- What do you think might be the disadvantages to the services currently offered?
- Do you feel this plan makes sense?



# Staff and Stakeholders

- Telephone interviews - external partners
- Online questionnaire – external partners
- Staff briefings: July and September with period for feedback and comment



# A National Perspective

- Arts Council took on Museums responsibility 2011
- Published Culture, Knowledge and Understanding
- Development role for Museums/Arts/Culture
- Particularly around Goal 3 Museums are sustainable, resilient and innovative



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# A National Perspective

- How do LA shape, improve and sustain cultural service delivery in current context?
- Public expectations high in climate of less resources
- Many exploring new or alternative delivery models



# A National Perspective

- Opportunities to transform services for public benefit
- Evidence that devolution can accelerate organisational innovation and growth
- Increase public benefit and financial sustainability



# National Examples

- Luton Culture (Museums Libraries and Arts)
- Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums
- Birmingham Museums Trust
- York Museums Trust



# Next Steps Include:

- Detailed Business Case and Report (Autumn)
- Decision Whether to Proceed (Dec 2012)
- *Establish Charitable Company*
- *Prepare for Transfer of Service*
- *Staff and Union Consultation*
- *Decision to Transfer Service*
  
- How should Hampshire County Council members be involved in this process?

