

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E3248

Museums' Collections Development Policy

Decision maker	Cllr Paul Crossley, Cabinet Member for Communities
The issue	The Government agency overseeing museums, Arts Council England (ACE), requires collections development policies to be adopted by governing bodies every five years as an essential criterion for museums achieving Accredited status. Updating these policies ensures that they remain in line with national best practice, are up to date and fit for purpose.
Decision date	Not before 18 December 2020
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to adopt the Museums' Collections Development Policy.
Rationale for decision	<p>Museum governing bodies are required to meet minimum standards of collections care and development to qualify for the Government's Accreditation standard administered by ACE. Updating the Museums' Collections Development Policy will ensure that the it remains in line with national best practice and is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Accreditation marks governing bodies as worthy guardians of unique public collections which they hold in trust for the public good. It is also a criterion required by many grant-giving bodies as evidence of sound stewardship of the collections. This authority has always observed best practice in the management and development of its museum collections.</p>
Financial and budget implications	No additional cost arises from adopting the Policy, although there is a risk of loss of access to grant-aid if it is not adopted.
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Equalities; Human Rights; Impact on Staff.
Consultation undertaken	Heritage Services Focus Group of local residents; Museum stakeholders including South West Museum Development (a regional arm of ACE); Heritage Services' Learning & Participation Manager; Archway Project Community Engagement Officer; S151 Officer; Monitoring Officer; SLT.
How consultation was carried out	In person, by email and by skype / zoom meetings.
Other options considered	To do nothing. This would risk loss of the authority's reputation for good practice, and loss of access to grant-aid. This option is not recommended.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member for decision	None

Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision	None
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Name and Signature of Decision Maker	Councillor Paul Crossley
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Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision