

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E3427**

**Creation of the Fashion Museum Foundation**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Kevin Guy, Leader of the Council
<b>The Issue</b>	Heritage Services is seeking approval to proceed with set up of The Fashion Museum Foundation, which will be a registered charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. Heritage Services has worked with solicitors to prepare the registration documentation for the charity and is now ready for the next step: registration with Companies house and subsequently the Charity Commission. The Fashion Museum Foundation will help fulfil the Council's vision for the Fashion Museum project through its objects. This replicates the existing successful model between the Service and the Roman Baths Foundation.
<b>Decision Date</b>	8th December 2022
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees that Heritage Services can register The Fashion Museum Foundation with Companies House and subsequently the Charity Commission, to support the Re-Fashioning Bath project to deliver the new Fashion Museum and Fashion Collection Archive Project.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>The Fashion Museum Foundation and its trustees will support the Re-Fashioning Bath project by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocating for the world-class collection with a global audience.</li><li>• Building meaningful relationships with the fashion industry, educators and any key stakeholders with a connection to the Fashion Museum's vision.</li><li>• Developing the Fashion Museum as a leader in using collections to advance social cohesion, environmental sustainability and responsible business practice.</li><li>• Fundraising for the new Museum and the Fashion Collection Archive.</li></ul> <p>The Fashion Museum Foundation will be an independent organisation with a board of trustees. It will replicate the successful model of The Roman Baths Foundation with a MOU between Heritage Services and the charity. The MoU will define the roles and responsibilities of each party.</p>
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The set-up costs of The Fashion Museum Foundation are low in comparison to the potential donations that can be generated for the first project the Charity will support - the creation of a new museum and fashion collection archive.

<b>Issues considered</b>	Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Staff; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies.
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Feasibility work carried out by the Service and with external consultants, continuous prospect research and horizon scanning highlighted the need to create a charity to support the Fashion Museum redevelopment project. This was reviewed and approved at both Senior Leadership Team and Informal Cabinet. It was agreed in principle as part of the Heritage Services Business Plan 2022 – 2027 (ref: E3346).
<b>Other options considered</b>	Not establishing a charity: this would be ineffective and place the vision for the Fashion Museum at risk.
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</b>	None
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	None

<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s</b>	Cllr Kevin Guy
<b>Date of Signature</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**