

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	10 March 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates. and This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the county.</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To consider initial options for future operation of the museum and archive service.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p>(a) the savings and income plan (outlined in paragraphs 17 to 29 of the report) is implemented;</p> <p>(b) £80k is invested in improvements to the Old House, stock and marketing as outlined at paragraph 44;</p> <p>(c) a further report on longer term options for future sustainable delivery of the service be developed to include exploration of trust, transfer and shared service arrangements with suitable heritage partners; and</p> <p>(d) the principles of allocating library and museum support fund (outlined at paragraphs 30/31 of the report) are agreed.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The council has considerable budget challenges based on a reduced government grant and the requirement to meet the care and safeguarding requirements of residents in the county. The archive and museum service plays a contributing role in supporting the visitor economy; has responsibility for the care of historic collections for future generations; and along with other museum/heritage providers in the county gives a sense of

	<p>identity and place. The report and recommendations propose ways of reducing the council's revenue costs whilst retaining elements of the service. The recommendations support the services in becoming more commercial to raise income and looking at full cost recovery when charging for services.</p> <p>The report addresses the first two years of revenue budget reductions; a further report on longer term options will be developed.</p>
Options Considered:	To reduce or cease operation of the services. This is not recommended given the value placed on these services by residents and visitors, and the potential for the services to develop alternative delivery arrangements over time.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	16 March 2016

<p><b>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON</b> .....</p> <p><b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p>	<p>Date: 10 March 2016</p>
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■ a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

■ in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.