

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Acceptance of Funding from West Midlands Museum Development
Date of decision:	14 March 2018
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Communities
Authority for decision:	The chief executive's scheme of delegation
Ward:	County wide
Consultation:	Herefordshire Museum Service Support Group Herefordshire Museum Service
Decision made:	That the council accepts the funding offer of £17,500 as part of West Midlands Museum Development programme administered by the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust for display cases.
Reasons for decision:	The funding is from the Arts Council of England as part of West Midlands Museum Development programme to enable exhibitions of note. The fund is administered by the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust to enable the display of items on loan to the museum service. The funding will therefore to be used to purchase display cases and associated material to enable the display of loaned exhibitions in a safe and climate controlled environment. Through the purchases of cases residents and visitors of Herefordshire will see new historic objects they would have to travel out of the county to experience, and linked to the exhibitions would be retail and promotional opportunity. The council will contribute £1,866.60 from its collection reserves collected through public donations.
Highlight any associated considerations:	No significant risks are anticipated.
Alt options considered & rejected:	Do not accept funding. This is not accepted as it would mean unable to purchase cases and host on-loan exhibitions.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 14 March 2018