

Action Plan for the Review of Museums and Heritage Centres – Update December 2007

Ref	Recommendation	Actions	Update – November 200	Lead officer
I.	All Museums in the County should be encouraged to complete the Museum Associations Accreditation process;	<p>Hereford Museum & Art Gallery, Old House, Waterworks Museum, Butcher Row House Museum and Kington Museum all achieved Full Accreditation during 2007. Museum Resource & Learning Centre currently has Provisional Accreditation.</p> <p>Kington Museum and Weobley Museum have submitted applications.</p> <p>Leominster Folk Museum will be invited to apply in July 2007. Herefordshire Light Infantry Museum and Mappa Mundi and Chained Library will be invited to apply.</p> <p>The three National Trust and one English Heritage sites in the county will be invited to apply.</p> <p>Two other sites have expressed interest and may choose to apply in late 2009 at the end of the current application window.</p>	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Museum Resource and Learning centre accreditation pending, being fully open to the public in January 2008.</p> <p>Weobley Museum has submitted an application but a change in charity law regulations for small charities has delayed processing of this application.</p> <p>Leominster Folk Museum and the Cider Museum are in the process of applying and will submit in January 2008.</p> <p>Planned for 2009.</p>	<p>Museum Development Officer/ Sue Knox replacement MDO plus curatorial advisors for sites</p>

		Other sites in the county are either ineligible or not significantly developed at this point.		
II.	It is to be hoped that the MDO project will continue through the support of the Hub and the MLA;	<p>Funding for this project has been provided by Renaissance West Midlands on a two year funding cycle ending in March 2008 and is delivered via the Marches Curator's Group partnership.</p> <p>Business Planning for the 2008-2010 cycle is currently underway. The West-Midlands wide MDO work package is well regarded, lobbying for continued support is being undertaken by Marches Curator's Group and County Officers at a regional level.</p>	<p>In place by the end of 2007.</p> <p>Business Planning was changed to a single interim year in July 2007 to enable all MLA funded projects to operate on the same cycle. As of December 07, the proposal is for the MDO project to be funded in the interim at existing level plus an uplift to cover inflation, other regional projects have been cut in order to accommodate overall 25% reduction in funding.</p>	Kate Andrew, Principal Heritage Officer
III.	Independent museums in the county to be reminded that they can apply for Community Grant Funding;	Museum Development Officer (MDO) will be attending the Herefordshire Funding Fair in October 2007. MDO is actively promoting all relevant grant schemes.	The current MDO left the service in September, so information at the funding fair was delivered by a poster and leaflets. The grant scheme information and contact information has been updated for the 2008 funding directory.	Museum Development Officer Covered by Kate Andrew during interregnum
IV.	The possibility of a partnership insurance scheme for the Herefordshire Museums Forum members should be explored. This could be pursued by the Museum Development Officer on the	<p>The insurance policy for Heritage Services collections was extensively revised during summer 2006.</p> <p>Loans to independent museums meeting appropriate environmental and security</p>	<p>Achieved summer 2006</p> <p>Achieved.</p>	<p>Andrew Rewell Risk Officer and Virginia Mayes-Wright, MDO.</p> <p>Covered by Kate Andrew during interregnum, to be taken up by Sue</p>

	Forum's behalf;	standards from Heritage Services collections are now covered by the Council policy. Further work to investigate a partnership insurance scheme will be undertaken. Investigations completed by March 2008	Initial discussions over a partnership insurance scheme have been held with Council risk officer and the matter will be raised at the 5 th December Museum Forum meeting to establish a working group.	Knox
V.	A small hiring collection should be established to loan objects along the lines of the Reading Corporate Loans scheme. (The recommendation to be pursued with an outline scheme presented to the Cabinet Member).	Options were researched and outline costs were presented to the scrutiny review panel in autumn 2006. Paper to be submitted to Cabinet Member by March 2008	Research completed autumn 2006. Possibility of extending the Mobile Museum exhibition via this route is currently being considered. A significant investment in hardware will be required to achieve this.	Kate Andrew Principal Heritage Officer
VI.	A formula should be developed to measure Heritage's impact on both tourism and also to demonstrate its social and economic impact.	Recent data from the 2006 Tourism survey showed that 85% of tourists responding to the survey were visiting the county in order to visit see a county heritage attraction. The Inspiring Learning for All framework for Museums Libraries and Archives will publish Generic Social Outcomes that can be used to inform a new indicator.	National agencies and regional bodies are currently trying to achieve a suitable methodology to measure the social and economic impacts of heritage. A refined self-assessment format is due to be published in December 2007 The Inspiring Learning for All framework for Museums Libraries and Archives has now published. Generic Social Outcomes have been produced and a number of staff have attended the training on this new evaluation method. Evaluation of the 2008/09 Mobile Museum work will use a Value of Culture indicator formula.	Jane Lewis Cultural Services Manager Kate Andrew Principal Heritage Officer

VII.	Prevention measures should be taken to protect Kington Museum from being struck by reversing lorries to a nearby store.	Cast iron bollards installed and letter to Spa to inform any drivers coming to Kington of this problem.	Achieved, August 2006.	Tom Davies, Highways and Transportation
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