



## AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Members' Interests**

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

3. **Annual Seafront Report**

Requested by - Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport

... Purpose - To update the Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport on the seafront, including investment, street furniture and the seafront strategy.

4. **Portsmouth Tennis Pilot Initiative**

Requested by - Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport

... Purpose - To update the Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport on the proposed financial investment by the Lawn Tennis Association as part of their national pilot initiative.

### ITEMS FOR DECISION

5. **Relocation of Paulsgrove Library**

... The report is to update the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport on the background information relating to Paulsgrove Library, and the rationale for relocating it to the proposed site at 147 Allaway Avenue.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That a survey and financial exploration is undertaken to determine the feasibility of re-locating Paulsgrove Library from its current location in the Paulsgrove Community Centre to 147 Allaway Avenue, in the Paulsgrove shopping precinct.**
- (2) That the rationale for relocating Paulsgrove Library to the Allaway Avenue site is agreed based on the information provided in this report, and that a further report will be circulated to confirm the proposed next steps and seek authority from Members.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **6. Drayton Library**

... The report is to update the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport on the previous initiatives to deliver a static library service for the Drayton and Farlington area and provide a rationale for a library in this area. The report seeks agreement to pursue a survey and financial exploration, clarifying that a further report will be circulated to confirm next steps and seek authority from members.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That potential sites for locating a library in Drayton be investigated with delegated authority to the Head of AMS and Section 151 to enter into negotiations subject to approval.**
- (2) That the rationale for locating a Library to the Drayton area is agreed based on the information provided in this report, and that a further report will be circulated to confirm the proposed next steps and seek authority from Members.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **7. Volunteering in Portsmouth Libraries**

... The report informs the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport of the current volunteering opportunities offered by Portsmouth Libraries, outlining the benefits these activities provide to the service and the volunteers themselves. The report further seeks agreement to extend the current volunteering offer while stipulating that this will be undertaken with the understanding that volunteers will not be used to replace paid staff in the delivery of core services.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That the library service extends its range of volunteering offers to:**
  - Return to work and job experience schemes that provide time limited employment offers to volunteers in order to learn transferable skills and obtain workplace experience.**
  - Individuals seeking to support a specific library or area of work on an ongoing basis.**
- (2) That the volunteering contributions enhance and support the library offer but do not displace paid staff members in the delivery of core services, or undercut their pay or conditions of service.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **8. Portsmouth BookFest – The Future**

... The report aims to update the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport on the progress of Portsmouth BookFest: what has been achieved in the last two years and recommendations for future development.

### **RECOMMENDED that:**

- (1) The existing partnership of the Library Service, Schools Library Service, Literature Development Officer, Visitor Information Services and the Hayling Island Bookshop continues as key deliverers of the Festival.**
- (2) The new mission statement, which focuses on developing Portsmouth as the home of great writing by promoting reading for pleasure and inspiring new audiences, detailed in point 3.2 of the report, should be adopted for future festivals.**
- (3) That funding options for Bookfest after 2012 continue to be explored.**
- (4) That BookFest consults with the local community by inviting focus groups and/or community reps to feedback on proposed events. This consultation should be embedded in the development of BookFest.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **9. Portsmouth History Centre**

... The report provides an update on the development of the Portsmouth History Centre since its opening in June 2011 and makes recommendations for future improvements.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) To relocate more frequently used archives to the Central Library first floor store. These works to be funded through existing budgets.**
- (2) To explore the relocation of the remaining archive to more accessible space to be determined in agreement with the National Archive Council. Options, feasibility and costings will be delivered as a future report and be informed by issues of security, safety, access and cataloguing requirements.**
- (3) To develop an outreach programme within existing budgets to broaden the awareness and use of the History Centre by people of all ages, abilities and cultures. This will be delivered by existing staff or in partnership with existing outreach teams.**

**(4) To develop a conservation programme for archive and local history materials by identifying priorities and funding within the existing budget.**

**(5) To develop a collections acquisition and disposal policy jointly with Libraries and Museums for the benefit of the Portsmouth History Centre collections.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **10. Celebrating the London 2012 Games in Portsmouth**

... The purpose of this report is to confirm that £30,000 has been set aside as part of the 2012/13 contingency budget as approved at the Cabinet meeting of 13 September 2010 to support the activities relating to the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. The additional £15,000 required will be funded from existing Culture, Leisure and Sport revenue budgets.

The report also seeks to advise Members on the current preparations for hosting the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, the programme of activity and events for the Big Screen and to update all Members on progress in attracting teams to base themselves in Portsmouth ahead of the Games.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

**(1) That the costs of the Olympic Torch Relay are incurred and reimbursed from contingency up to the value of £30,000 held in the 2012/13 contingency budget which was set aside for the hosting of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay in the event that Portsmouth was selected as a host venue. All additional costs, up to a value of £15,000, will be met by existing revenue budgets.**

**(2) That the additional funding of £17,000 required to support the programme of activity at the Big Screen during 2012/13 be funded from the Community Support budget within the Culture, Leisure and Sport portfolio.**

**(3) To continue our efforts in attracting Pre Games Training Camps (PGTCs) to Portsmouth.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **11. Reintroduction of Angling at Baffins Pond**

... The report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for the reintroduction of angling at Baffins Pond.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

**(1) That permission be given for angling to be reintroduced at Baffins Pond but within a strict set of conditions.**

- (2) That a licence is prepared by Asset Management Service and a licence fee agreed to enable the Portsmouth and District Angling Society to fish at Baffins Pond.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **12. Development Plan for Cumberland House**

... This report presents the Development Plan for Cumberland House Natural History Museum.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That the report is noted and that officers implement the Development Plan as described in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- (2) That the £50,000 allocated to Cumberland House is utilised without pursuing additional external funding at the present time.**
- (3) That the funding is carried forward to enable the work to be completed as planned during 2012.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

## **13. D-Day Museum update**

... The report seeks to update members on a number of initiatives and improvements affecting the D-Day Museum.

### **RECOMMENDED that:**

- (1) The work undertaken by Asset Management (AMS) to improve access and facilities for visitors with disabilities is noted.**
- (2) The upgrade of the lighting system for the Overlord Embroidery is noted.**
- (3) The improvements to the entrance of the building are noted.**
- (4) The appointment of Councillor Paula Riches as a council representative to the Overlord Embroidery Liaison Committee is approved.**
- (5) The updated marketing plan for the D-Day Museum is approved.**
- (6) Officers apply for Heritage Lottery Funding to support the costs of redisplaying the museum and re-telling the D-Day story in 2014 - the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

**14. Loan of Oil Paintings by Benjamin Haughton**

... The report asks the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport to consider a request by the Broadway Art Festival, Broadway to borrow the oil paintings “Girl tending a garden” and “Standard roses in a garden“ by Benjamin Haughton for inclusion in an exhibition in 2012.

**RECOMMENDED that the oil paintings are lent to the Broadway Art Festival for inclusion in the exhibition “Country Gardens” to be held between 8 and 17 June 2012. The exhibition will be held at Haynes Fine Art Gallery in Broadway.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.

**15. Loan of Watercolour painting by JMW Turner**

... The report asks the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport to consider a request by the National Maritime Museum, London to borrow the watercolour painting “Gosport, the Entrance to Portsmouth Harbour” by JMW Turner for inclusion in two exhibitions in 2013 and 2014.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That the watercolour is lent to the National Maritime Museum, London for inclusion in the exhibition “Turner and the Sea” to be held between November 2013 and April 2014.**
- (2) That the watercolour is lent to the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts, USA as part of the touring exhibition from the National Maritime Museum “Turner and the Sea” to be held between June and September 2014.**

A report by the Head of Cultural Services is attached.