

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Members' Interests**
3. **Findings of the study exploring the transfer of Cumberland House to the third sector**

... Purpose: The attached report presents the findings of the study to explore potential options for the transfer of Cumberland House to the third sector.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) It is noted that, none of the options save the council money and it is a common misconception that a transfer to trust will do so.**
- (2) It is noted that, whatever option is chosen Cumberland House needs capital investment.**
- (3) It is noted that, Cumberland House is unlikely to be viable as a standalone trust without maintaining revenue funding at present, in fact slightly uplifted, levels.**
- (4) Officers pursue Option 2, as an interim measure, increasing the involvement of volunteers at Cumberland House in frontline roles, to free up paid staff to focus on events and exhibition programming and the development of the museum offer.**
- (5) Officers further investigate Option 4, to explore the creation of a wider trust incorporating the attractions and facilities of the Canoe Lake Park. There is no budget for this work and the costs associated with the proposal have yet to be identified. A further report to update the Cabinet Member will be brought forward when more detailed information is available.**
- (6) That Julia Holberry is thanked for her excellent report.**

A report by the Head of City Development and Cultural Services is attached.

4. A BMX Track for Portsmouth

... Purpose: The attached report presents the case for supporting the development of a regional standard BMX track within the city.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure & Sport authorises the next stage of the BMX project to explore the proposals to develop a BMX track on the land south of the creek near to Hilsea Lido.

A report by the Head of City Development and Cultural Services is attached.

5. **Portsmouth's Big Library Card**

... Purpose: The attached report aims to update the Cabinet Member on Portsmouth Library Service's innovative "Big Library Card" issue in July 2012 to all school pupils in the Local Education Authority and specifically:

- To inform the Cabinet Member on library usage by children following this initiative.
- To demonstrate the link between this initiative and the increased numbers of children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- To inform the Cabinet Member of the significant impact that this initiative has made to national library agendas.
- To raise awareness of the importance of library service outreach and community work in making the scheme a success to date and its critical role in sustaining the level of library engagement.
- To recommend that library cards continue to be issued on an annual basis to all Local Education Authority Reception pupils.

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That the Library Service continues to issue library cards to Local Education Authority Reception pupils on an annual basis to ensure all school age children have direct access to library services.**
- (2) That Portsmouth Libraries will participate in the Arts Council funded scheme to shared best practice and lessons learned based on 2012 project delivery.**

A report by the Head of City Development and Cultural Services is attached.

Items for Information only

6. **The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection**

... Requested by: the Head of City Development and Cultural Services

Purpose: To inform the Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport of the significant progress on the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection and to inform members of the potential direction the collection may take.

An information report by the Head of City Development and Cultural Services is attached.

7. **Audio Book Download Service**

... Requested by: Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure & Sport

Purpose: To provide an update on the development, launch and initial impact of the audio book download service.

An information report by the Head of City Development and Cultural Services is attached.

8. Update on Get Involved! Volunteer Project

... Requested by: the Head of City Development and Cultural Services

Purpose: To inform members about Get Involved!, a project funded by a £50,000 grant from ACE (Arts Council England) which will improve existing practice and increase the number of opportunities for volunteers to support the Portsmouth Museum Archives and Visitor Service (PMAVS)

An information report by the Head of City Development and Cultural Services is attached.