

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT**

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport, Councillor Lee Hunt, at his meeting held on Friday, 13 December 2013 at 1.00 pm at the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

### **Present**

Councillor Lee Hunt (in the chair)

Councillor David Horne  
Councillor Steve Wemyss

#### **1. Members Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of members' interests.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **3. Review of the offer for schools at Portsmouth Museums (AI 3)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CITY DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES)

The report was introduced by Tracy Teasdale, Learning Officer. In response to a question she explained that calculations had been completed and moving to a price per pupil charge would allow the costs of the sessions to be covered.

DECISIONS: that

- (1) The current offer of led sessions and the Schools Loan Collection is noted.**
- (2) Positive feedback from schools attending led sessions is noted.**
- (3) The proposed changes to the offer for schools are noted in particular:**
- (4) That Tudors at Southsea Castle is run for fewer days in 2014 in response to curriculum changes;**
- (5) That Tudors at the Square Tower is removed from the schools' offer.**
- (6) That the pricing structure for all led sessions is reviewed to ensure that costs are recovered and that future charges are based on a price per pupil rather than a charge per group;**
- (7) That the terms on which session deliverers are employed are reviewed and that the current hourly rate be replaced by payment per session.**

- (8) That the Schools Loans Collection is reviewed, rationalised and re-presented to ensure that it remains high quality, accessible and relevant.**
- (9) That from September 2014 charges are introduced for all users of the Schools Loan Collection - £30 for one thematic box containing multiple objects or three single item boxes per loan period (currently up to three weeks).**

#### **4. Creepy House - Summer Reading Challenge - Report (AI 4)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CITY DEVELOPMENT  
& CULTURAL SERVICES)

The report was introduced by David Percival, Learning & Engagement Manager.

DECISIONS: that

- (1) The Library Service target those schools with the lowest participation levels in the Summer Reading Challenge and undertake interventions with those pupils in the summer term, specifically years 3 and 6. To achieve this, primary schools will be consulted at the next Primary Head teachers' Conference, to seek agreement for additional resources to be allocated from the pupil premium. In the interim, the Library Service will engage in discussions with targeted schools.**
- (2) That the promotion of the Summer Reading Challenge continues to take place, delivered by Library Service staff in every Portsmouth primary school, during the summer term.**
- (3) That the Library Service recruits twenty five per cent more young people as volunteers to support library staff in delivering the Challenge in 2014**

#### **5. The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection (AI 5)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CITY DEVELOPMENT  
& CULTURAL SERVICES)

The report was introduced by Laura Weston, Learning and Education Officer.

DECISIONS: that:

- (1) The Cabinet Member compliments the project officer on the progress made so far in the delivery of Sharing Sherlock HLF funded project and its involvement with Portsmouth residents across such a wide geographical area of the city and directly with hard to reach audiences and noted that the main aim of this funding to reach further audiences across Portsmouth is clearly being met.**

- (2) Noted that there is a need to recruit more volunteers to continue with this work and to highlight the essential work which has been carried out by additional Heritage Lottery volunteers on this Collection so far.**

## **6. Return of a Portrait Miniature (AI 6)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CITY DEVELOPMENT  
& CULTURAL SERVICES)

The report was introduced by Rosalinda Hardiman Museum Collections Manager. Cllr Wemyss felt that a two week cooling off period between receiving a donation and formally accessioning the item, might be inadequate and suggested Cllr Hunt consider allowing extra time. After consideration of advice from Dr Mee, Cllr Hunt decided to extend the cooling off period to three weeks.

DECISIONS:

- (1) To formally de-accession a portrait miniature reputedly depicting the Duke of Buckingham, accession number 2013/1010.**
- (2) To return the portrait miniature to its owner.**
- (3) To introduce a three week cooling off period between receiving a donation and formally accessioning it to mitigate against this situation arising again.**

## **7. D-Day report and Youth Project (Information item) (AI 7)**

(TAKE IN INFORMATION REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
& CULTURAL SERVICES)

The report was introduced by Rebecca Parrant, Pompey and the Community. In response to a question, officers advised that the project would run until May 2014 and exit strategies were currently being discussed to see whether this project could link in with other projects. Cllr Hunt commended the diligent work of Rebecca Parrant and Jake Walton on this project and said he would arrange for a formal letter of thanks to be sent to them.

The meeting concluded at 13:55.

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Councillor Lee Hunt  
Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport