

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2020 AT 10.00 AM

VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETING - REMOTE

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Group Spokespersons

Councillor Frank Jonas BEM, Conservative Councillor Stephen Morgan, Labour Councillor Claire Udy, Progressive Portsmouth People Group

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interest
- **3 Portsmouth Museums Annual Review and Forward Plan** (Pages 5 12)

Purpose

To review the achievements of Portsmouth Museums in 2019/20 and to present the museum service 'Plan on a Page' (PoP) for the current financial year.

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) The achievements of 2019/20 are noted.
- (2) A new Museums Strategy is developed in dialogue with stakeholders.
- (3) The Landing Craft Tank (LCT) project is completed in partnership with the National Museum of the Royal Navy, opening in 2020 as part of the D-Day Story.
- (4) Audiences are broadened and better understood by involving them in the work of the museums service and through special projects, programming, evaluation and visitor surveys.
- (5) Standards of customer care are raised through training and performance monitoring and that the museums service continues to develop volunteers and paid staff to create a single integrated team
- (6) Preparations begin to renew accreditation with Arts Council England.
- 4 Museum Collection Development (Pages 13 18)

Purpose

To update the Cabinet Member on activity relating to the development of the Council's Museum Collection to ensure it remains relevant to the City and its communities.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) The contemporary collecting initiative focusing on Covid-19 and the experience of the city during lockdown is noted.
- (2) The disposal of 'the mountain collection' from the City's Museum collection is approved.
- (3) The review and rationalisation of the handling collection is noted.

The following reports are for information only

5 Landing Craft Tank - preparing for opening (information report) (Pages 19 - 22)

Purpose

To describe the preparations for the opening of Landing Craft Tank to visitors as an exciting addition to The D-Day Story.

Pyramids and Eastney Swimming Pool capital schemes update (information report) (Pages 23 - 50)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the cabinet member with an update on developments and progress related to two items in the 2020/21 approved

capital programme:

- Pyramids refurbishment (£1,400,000)
- Feasibility and Outline Planning for a New Eastney Swimming Pool (£100,000)

These two projects concern indoor facilities, and consequently the report will also discuss wider strategic considerations regarding Portsmouth's other swimming, and health and fitness facilities.

The decision referred to in this report is to reallocate money from some capital schemes that either will not now go ahead or will not do so for some time. This is a delegated decision, which has already been taken by The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Economic Development in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, to respond to the emerging priority of the Pyramids. This report is the mechanism for reporting on that decision. Consequently the report is being presented for information only. The Section 151 Officer has also advised that this falls within the Budget and Policy Framework because it does not exceed the budget.

7 The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection (information report) (Pages 51 - 54)

<u>Purpose</u>

- (1) To update the Cabinet Member on the move of the 'You Don't Know Sherlock Holmes, Yet' exhibition from Portsmouth Museum to the Third Floor of the Central Library
- (2) To show how the Conan Doyle Collection Study Packs and social media engagement have been used during the lockdown period to engage with a wider audience and more volunteers
- (3) To outline the continuation and adaptation of programming under the City of Stories project within the current Covid19 restrictions.

8 Hotwalls Studios Update (information report) (Pages 55 - 58)

Purpose

- (1) To outline to the Cabinet Member the funding secured from Arts Council England Covid-19 Emergency Fund and the use of the funds for the Hotwalls Studios *Pause. Reflect. Create* project.
- (2) To update and summarise the involvement and support given by the Hotwalls Studios to the Portsmouth Creates We Believe project.
- (3) To update and summarise the business support given to the Hotwalls Studios artists at the start and during the nationwide lockdown period.

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