

COUNCIL

6 November 2013

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(28 October 2013)

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Appendix A to this report sets out a minute extract for the consideration of Council regarding the Future of the Museums Service: Establishing a Hampshire Solent Cultural Trust.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council considers the matter set out in the minute extract.

Appendix A**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
28 October 2013****1. THE FUTURE OF THE MUSEUMS SERVICE: ESTABLISHING A HAMPSHIRE
SOLENT CULTURAL TRUST**

(Report CAB2518 refers)

Councillor Godfrey advised that Councillor Humby (Portfolio Holder for Economic Development) had been unable to attend the Committee.

Councillor Godfrey introduced the Report and advised that the proposals for an independent Trust would achieve improvements to the management of the cultural heritage of the District. The arrangements were necessary in the face of continued cuts to the Council's Revenue Support Grant and should assist in securing other external grants which would otherwise be not available.

During discussion, Councillor Godfrey explained that the Trust would build upon an existing successful Museums Service and would help to continue to attract more visitors to the District and therefore support the Council in achieving the Economic Prosperity outcome of the Community Strategy. It was confirmed that the City Museum would be included in a 'package' of collections and buildings to be leased or licensed to the Trust. The existing skilled museums staff would be transferred to the Trust under TUPE arrangements.

The Committee referred to the need to ensure that the Trust's future governance arrangements were robust and that it was essential to appoint a Chief Executive of appropriate calibre to take the Trust forward.

RESOLVED:

That the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development have regard to the comments of the Committee raised during discussion, as set out above.

RECOMMENDED :

**THAT THE COUNCIL BE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO
MATTERS THAT THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO DRAW TO ITS
ATTENTION.**
