

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	10 May 2018
Title:	Red House Museum - Revised Partnership Arrangements
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Recommendations

1.1 That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

- i) Approves the revised partnership arrangements governing the Red House Museum in Christchurch, as set out in section 5 of this report.
- ii) Appoints Councillor Carpenter and Councillor White to the proposed partnership funding steering group for the Red House Museum. The terms of office to expire in May 2021.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to summarise the revised partnership arrangements proposed for the Red House Museum in Christchurch, which is currently operated by Hampshire Cultural Trust, and funded by three local authorities, including Hampshire County Council.
- 2.2. This paper seeks agreement to the new partnership arrangements in order to secure the future operation of the museum and the appointment of representatives to the proposed steering group.

3. Contextual information

- 3.1 By virtue of a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science dated 6 April 1971 Hampshire County Council (HCC) was appointed sole trustee of the Red House Museum Foundation and the Foundation's property (including the Red House Museum in Christchurch) was vested in HCC.
- 3.2 Between 1976 and 2014 Dorset County Council (DCC), Christchurch Borough Council (CBC) and HCC shared the revenue running costs of the Red House Museum which was managed by HCC.

- 3.3 Since 1988 HCC, DCC and CBC (the three Authorities) have had an arrangement for the joint discharge of functions in relation to the Red House Museum under a Joint Management Committee (JMC)
- 3.4 As part of the transfer of HCC's Museums Service to Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT), with effect from 1 November 2014, HCC delegated the management of the Red House Museum to HCT and HCT agreed to act as HCC's agent in the management of the Red House Museum. Being a delegation it is for no fixed period and can be revoked.
- 3.5 HCC has granted to HCT a licence of the Museum for the duration of the delegation of management of the Red House Museum to HCT and has loaned to HCT items within the Red House Museum under the terms of a loan agreement covering all the collections within the museums and art galleries where management responsibility transferred from HCC to HCT.

4 Finance

- 4.1 HCC's funding towards the management of the Red House Museum is included within the funding that HCC provides to HCT under the Management and Funding Agreement (MFA) that HCC entered into with HCT on 31 October 2014. There is no ring fenced sum in respect of the Red House Museum.
- 4.2 There are no new or adjusted financial implications for this proposed decision concerning Hampshire County Council. However our sign up and endorsement of the new partnership arrangement is seen as very important in maintaining the ongoing funding partnership overall. HCT, and the other two funding authorities who fund the museum through a specific grant giving approach, are content with these proposals and wish to see the situation clarified in advance of any potential local government adjustments in that County.

5 Performance

- 5.1 Having regard to the changes in the management of the Red House Museum and its funding, the Joint Management Committee (JMC) constituted by the three Authorities is no longer appropriate. The three Authorities are now proposing, under their powers under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, to provide funding to HCT (which in the case of HCC shall remain under the Management and Funding Agreement) and to establish a partnership funding steering group (Steering Group) to monitor and review the application of their respective funding to HCT. It is proposed by the three Authorities that the agreement for these arrangements be for a term of 10 years with the ability for any authority to give 6 months notice to terminate the agreement.
- 5.2 The three Authorities propose that the Steering Group shall comprise a maximum of 2 representatives appointed by each of HCC, DCC and CBC all of whom shall be elected members of the respective authorities and shall have one vote. In addition, the Steering Group shall include a co-opted member being a representative from HCT nominated by HCT who shall be a

trustee of HCT or a senior officer of HCT and appointed by the Steering Group to be a non-voting member of the Steering Group.

- 5.3 The Steering Group shall receive regular reports from HCT on its outcomes and targets as set out in HCT's business plan together with details of any proposals to vary its business plan and receive annual reports from HCT on finance, operational performance, collections, risk management and business continuity. The Steering Group shall also monitor and review the application of the three Authorities' funding by HCT.
- 5.4 Councillors Carpenter and White are appointed until May 2021 as representatives on the Red House Museum JMC but it is proposed that the JMC will cease when the proposed Steering Group is established. It is proposed that Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside appointments Councillor Carpenter and Councillor White to the proposed Steering Group.

6 Future Direction

- 6.1 The revised partnership arrangements should offer an appropriate degree of funding stability for the Museum and its operation by HCT. Failure to do so at a time of significant change and financial challenge may undermine that stability with potentially negative consequences.
- 6.2 HCC remains the sole trustee of the museum, and its associated property, and as such has a duty and strong interest in all positive steps to secure its future.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1 The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2 Equalities Impact Assessment:

No impact has been identified in this decision.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. None.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable.