

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	6 March 2025
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Cultural Trust: Updated Collections Development Policy for 2025-2030
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

1.1 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services:

- a) Approves the Hampshire Culture Trust Collections Development Policy 2025-2030 for the collection owned and/or held in trust by Hampshire County Council, which has been updated in line with standards set out by the Arts Council England Accreditation Scheme.
- b) Delegates authority to the Assistant Director Regeneration and Growth (Culture, Communities, Land and Assets) Hampshire 2050 to approve any acquisitions which meet the criteria set out in paragraph 26 of the report, subject to the Delegated Authority section.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The changes proposed by Hampshire Cultural Trust include (i) the development of a bespoke Hampshire County Council's Collections Development Policy (independent from Winchester City Council) and (ii) control of the process of acquiring new museum objects by returning the power to decide on acquisition to the County Council in all situations (other than archaeological archives). The Policy will continue to provide for curatorially led disposals. The process of acquisition will continue to benefit from the professional input of Hampshire Cultural Trust who will propose and recommend objects for acquisition based on curatorial consideration and the criteria set out in this report.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 The option to continue with the existing Policy without amendments has been rejected, as the County Council considers that the proposed amendments introduced in the 2025-2030 Policy are the most suitable in terms of retaining the right to decide on each object that is accessioned into the collection and setting clear criteria for curatorially led disposals, whilst ensuring the collection is managed in a professional and ethical manner.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker: none.**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**6 March 2025**

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
Corporate Services  
Councillor Nick Adams-King**