

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 December 2013

**Decision No:** (CAB 13/14 11724)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE
SUBJECT:	ARTS AND HERITAGE COLLECTIONS POLICY
AUTHOR:	Mike Harris

### THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the Arts and Heritage Collection Development Policy 2014-17, as set out in the appendix to the report, as the acquisition and disposals policy for the collections held by Southampton City Council.
- (ii) To approve delegated authority be given to the Arts and Heritage Manager to revise the policy if required, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Leisure.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. A Council approved acquisition and disposals policy is an essential requirement of the Arts Council Accreditation Scheme for museums. A separate but similar Accreditation scheme governing archives is administered by the National Archives. Without Accreditation, eligibility for funding for Southampton from the Arts Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and other lottery, trust and foundation grant giving sources would be significantly restricted.
2. The Arts & Heritage Collection Development Policy will guide the work of the Arts and Heritage team over the next three years as it rationalises current holdings, adds new material to its collections that reflect the needs of a modern city, and provides enhanced public access to this important learning resource.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

To retain the existing Southampton City Council Arts and Heritage Collections Policy this is due for review in 2013. This option is rejected because the current policy expires in 2013 and up to date and a forward looking policy is needed to secure Accreditation status and to reflect the existing Arts and Heritage public venues. In order to Progress a collection review and storage relocation programme, a robust Collection Development Policy is required if national guidelines are to be adhered to.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17 December 2013

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*