

Brief for Scrutiny**ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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| <p>Topic to be Scrutinised</p> <p>County wide Museum Service - Staffordshire Museums Strategic Network Feasibility Study</p> |
| <p>Questions to be Addressed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Can the Staffordshire Strategic Network direct the strategic role/future of the Newcastle Borough Museum? (2) Are the options outlined in the feasibility study appropriate? (3) What are the critical timescales for this work? (4) Is there anything else that the Consortium Board needs to consider? (5) How can the Consortium Board and elected members contribute to the sustainable development of Newcastle Borough Museum? (6) What is the long vision of the Borough Council for the Borough Museum? |
| <p>Outcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Examine the existing funding position of Borough Museum by the Council and partners. (2) Review service delivery options for the future. (3) Examine collection collaboration and sharing of services. |
| <p>Background Materials</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Museum Business Plan (2) Staffordshire Museums Strategic Network Feasibility Study (3) Staffordshire Museums Consortium Board Vision, Purpose and Terms of Reference |
| <p>Evidence and Witnesses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Portfolio Member (2) Chief Executive, Executive Director of Resources, Executive Director of Operational Services (3) Head of Leisure & Cultural Services (4) Culture & Arts Business Manager (5) Presentation by Winckworth Sherwood on 27th March 2012 at 9.30 – 2.00pm at the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery ‘Understanding Museum Governance Options’ (6) Chair of Friends of Newcastle Museum |
| <p>Method of Scrutiny</p> <p>A review of potential options and future pathways has already been undertaken. The role of the Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to progress the areas contained in this brief in liaison with key witnesses and to call for evidence.</p> |

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| <p>Timetable</p> <p>Following the Seminar on 27 March 2012, the matter will be further considered at the Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on _____ and on _____ and Cabinet on _____.</p> |
| <p>Constraints</p> <p>Monitoring of the existing service is ongoing. A review has been completed on behalf of the strategic network and a number of recommendations have been put forward for consideration.</p> |
| <p>Members to Undertake the Scrutiny</p> <p>Members of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> |
| <p>Support</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Director – Operational Services 2. Head of Leisure and cultural Services 3. Culture and Arts Manager |
| <p>Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority Area(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough. • Creating a Borough of Opportunity. • Creating a healthy and active community. • Transforming our Council to achieve excellence. |
| <p>CfPS Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a critical friend challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers. • Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard. • Is carried out by independent governors. |
| <p>Brief Approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p> |