

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

Decision No: (CAB 18/19 21740)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOMES AND CULTURE
SUBJECT:	COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT POLICY 2018-2023
AUTHOR:	Carolyn Abel

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the Collection Development Policy 2018-2023 (see Appendix 1) for Cultural Services, as the collections development and acquisition and disposals policy for collections held in trust by Southampton City Council.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Service to revise the Implementation Plan associated with the Policy for Museum Accreditation if required, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Culture.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. A Council approved Collections Development Policy is an essential requirement of the Arts Council England (ACE) 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 City Council from the Arts Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and other lottery, trust and foundation grant giving sources would be significantly restricted.
2. The Collection Development Policy will guide the work of the Cultural Services team as it rationalises current holdings, adds new material to its collections that reflect the needs of the 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 2014-2017. This option is rejected because the current policy expired in 2017 and an up-to-date, forward looking policy is required to secure Accreditation status and to reflect our public offer and engagement programmes. In order to progress work surrounding collections relocation as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy proposals, a robust Collection Development Policy is required in order to adhere to

national standards and guidelines.

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: 18th December,
2018

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

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*)