



JOINT MUSEUMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 15th June, 2023

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: The Commandery

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**Joint Museums Committee
Thursday, 15 June 2023**

Members of the Committee:-

Chair:
Vice-Chair:

Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)
Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)

Councillor Marcus Hart (C)
Councillor Andy Roberts (C)

C= Conservative

G = Green

L = Labour

LCo = Labour and Co-operative

LD = Liberal Democrat

AGENDA

Part 1

(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

1. **Appointment of Substitutes**

To receive details of any Members appointed to attend the meeting instead of a Member of the Committee.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest.

3. **Public Participation**

Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, each speaker being allocated a maximum of five minutes, for members of the public to present a petition, ask a question or comment on any item on the Agenda or within the remit of the Committee.

4. **Minutes**

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Of the meeting held on 2nd March 2023 to be approved and signed.

5. **Election of Chair**

To elect a Chair for the ensuing year. (The Museums Shared Services Agreement stipulates that the position of Chair should be alternated between members representing different authorities. Therefore the Chair should be a representative of Worcester City Council).

6. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

To appoint a Vice-Chair for the ensuing year. (The Museums Shared Services Agreement stipulates that the position of Vice-Chair should be alternated between members representing different authorities. Therefore the Vice-Chair should be a representative of Worcestershire County Council).

7. **Museums Worcestershire Annual Review and Performance 2022-23**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Philippa Tinsley, Museums Manager
Tel: 01905 25371

That the Joint Committee

1. approves the Museums Worcestershire Annual Review for 2022-23; and
2. note the information provided regarding performance in 2022-23 compared to previous years.

8. **Quarter 4 Finance Report 2022-23**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Tel: 01905 722007

That the Joint Committee reviews the financial monitoring details including budget variances for the 4th quarter ended 31st March 23.

9. **2023-2024 Budget and Museums Reserve**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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That the Joint Committee

1. approve the proposals set out in the report to meet a requested saving to the City Council's contribution to the service; and
2. designate part of the general museum reserve towards the upcoming major developments at its museums.

10. **Collections Update**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Deborah Fox, Senior Curator
Tel:

That the Joint Committee

1. note the successful application to Arts Council England for the community co-curated Museum Voices Project;
2. approve the recommended disposal of the objects listed in paragraph 3.4, and delegate disposal decisions until April 2025 on objects damaged beyond repair or containing hazardous materials to the Museums Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this committee; and
3. approves the reviewed Worcester City and Worcestershire County Museum Collection Development Policies for the period 2023-2028.

11. **Worcestershire County Museum Future Options**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Philippa Tinsley, Museums Manager
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That the Joint Committee

1. note the information regarding options for the future of Worcestershire County Museum; and
2. recommend to Worcestershire County Council their preferred option for consideration at a meeting of the Cabinet in September.

12. **Joint Museums Committee Work Programme**

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That the Joint Committee

1. note its future work programme and consider whether there are any additional matters it would wish to be incorporated; and
2. consider if it would like to make any changes to its current meeting pattern.

13. **Any Other Business**

Which in the opinion of the Chair is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.

14. **Item Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information**

The Joint Committee are invited to pass the following resolution:-

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12 A of the said Act.

**PART II
(ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PRIVATE)**

15. **Worcestershire County Museum Future Options Supporting Information**

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To consider the County Museum Future Options Supporting information which is classed as exempt as it is commercially sensitive.