

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2011

Report Title: Update on Old Town Hall Museum

Report By: Cathy Walling
Museum Curator

Purpose of Report

to provide an update on the review of the Old Town Hall Museum

Recommendation(s)

- 1. the report is for noting**

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

1. A second meeting was held with interested groups on 17 June 2011. Action points from the previous meeting were reviewed, and the Curator provided an update on the latest developments.
2. The ground floor has been cleared of the central cases and the windows 'opened' to the street. Temporary displays on 19th and 20th century Hastings have been placed in the cases and a table and chairs provided for activities.
3. Archaeological activities were provided for families throughout the school summer holidays, and a series of lunchtime talks was held during Old Town Carnival week in August.
4. A quotation has been obtained for removing the Stanhope Printing Press to John's Place, and it is anticipated this will take place in October. Following the removal, the retail space will be refurbished. A Museum Retail Consultant has been approached for advice.
5. The displays will be looked at again between November and March, with the emphasis on moving cases on the upper floor and widening the scope to include the rest of Hastings and St Leonards.
6. A further meeting will take place on 28 September, which will also look at the visitor and sales figures from July to September.

Wards Affected

Old Hastings

Area(s) Affected

East Hastings

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Background Information

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