

**Agenda Item No:** 8

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 27 February 2012

**Report Title:** Update on Old Town Hall Museum

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**Purpose of Report**

to update members on the progress of the review of the Old Town Hall Museum

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**Recommendation(s)**

**1. the report is for noting**

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

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## Introduction

1. A fourth meeting was held with interested groups on 10 January 2012. Action points from the previous meeting were reviewed and the Curator provided an update on the latest developments.
2. The Stanhope Press has now been moved to HMAG and the base has been repaired. The first printing workshop will take place on 3 March with an introduction to woodcuts for adults.
3. The Ground Floor has been redisplayed and now contains cases covering Prehistory to Medieval, with new graphic panels.
4. Work on the Upper Floor redisplay will take place in March to accommodate exhibitions change at HMAG. Unblocking a window will be investigated although environmental and light level readings will be taken.
5. The group discussed marketing and income generation opportunities. A second marketing consultant has been contacted, and an appointment is awaited.
6. The Head of Amenities and Leisure presented a paper providing a preliminary assessment of the possibility of transferring all or part of the museums service to a charitable trust. The group agreed in the short term to concentrate on efficiencies to improve visitor attendance and income.

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## Wards Affected

Old Hastings

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## Area(s) Affected

East Hastings

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## Policy Implications

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
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
Local People's Views	No

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## Background Information

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