

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 8th December 2008

Report Title: Old Town Hall Anniversary 2009

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Purpose of Report

to consider marking the anniversary of the Old Town Hall Museum

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting and comment

Reasons for Recommendations

Background

Old Town Hall Anniversary

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2009 will mark two anniversaries for the Old Town Hall Museum. In 1949 the building opened as a branch Library and Museum, and then in 1959 reopened as a Museum on both floors.

At the Museums Committee meeting in September 2008 it was reported that there would be an exhibition at the Old Town Hall Museum in the summer of 2009 on the history of the building.

There have been some changes to the Old Town Hall exhibition programme since then due to changes in staffing levels. The Education Officer, Catherine Harvey, has agreed to arrange a children's activity at the Old Town Hall in February half-term week, which

will be a poster competition based on the Old Town Hall Museum's birthday. The posters will then remain on show until April.

The Museum Association wish to hold a meeting at the Old Town Hall on Saturday 21st February.

It is now nearly ten years since the Museum was refurbished in a Heritage Lottery Funded project, which saw the Museum reopen in October 1999. Some of the decoration is beginning to look a little tired.

A request for external redecoration of the Old Town Hall has been put forward to be included in future R&R budgets.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

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	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No

Supporting Documents

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