

Agenda Item No: 8

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2009

Report Title: Sponsorship of Museum Objects

Report By: Cathy Walling
Acting Museums Curator

Purpose of Report

to provide an update on a suggested scheme for sponsorship of Museum objects

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting

Reasons for Recommendations

Background

A report to this Committee in March considered the suggestion of using a sponsorship scheme to fund-raise for the Museum. An amount of money could be paid for cleaning/conservation and the sponsor acknowledged on the label.

Members considered that the word 'adoption' might be a better term to use, than 'sponsorship'.

Legal Services were asked to look at the implications of such a scheme and report back.

Their preliminary research has found that in theory such a scheme would be possible as Section 12(1) of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 states that:

'A local authority may provide and maintain museums and art galleries within its administrative area or elsewhere in England and Wales, and may do all such things as may be necessary or expedient for or in connection with the provision or maintenance thereof.'

The Museums Committee will now need to decide how it wishes to proceed, then Legal Services will be able to advise the Acting Curator further as necessary.

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	Yes

Supporting Documents

Insert a list of appendices and/or additional documents

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