

Agenda Item No: 11

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 28 June 2010

**Report Title:** Disposal of Iron-Working Models

**Cathy Walling** Report By:

**Museums Curator** 

# **Purpose of Report**

to report on the need to dispose of 2 models of Wealden Iron-working

# Recommendation(s)

1. that the report be noted

**Reasons for Recommendations** 



#### Introduction

The Museum has recently moved items in storage from Century House to the new Corporate Archive. There is less space than previously allocated.

Two of the largest objects in the store are models of Wealden Ironworking - a furnace and a forge - purchased by the Museum in 1934 for display in the Wealden Ironwork Gallery. They were removed from display in 1982.

The Curator has been advised by Jeremy Hodgkinson of the Wealden Iron Research Group that the models are based on out-dated ideas and would not be suitable for redisplay at any time. They would also therefore be unsuitable as a donation to another Museum or school.

### 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	No
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

### **Background Information**

#### **Officer to Contact**

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