

**Agenda Item No:** 6

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 6 December 2010

**Report Title:** Comprehensive Spending Review

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**Purpose of Report**

to update members on the Comprehensive Spending Review and its possible implications

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**Recommendation(s)**

1. the report is for noting

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

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## Introduction

The Government published its Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October with plans for spending over the next few years.

Councils have been given some of the biggest cuts in the public sector, with Government funding falling by 28% in real terms over the next four years. It is not yet known whether these cuts will be spread evenly over the four-year period or front-loaded.

The Priorities, Income and Efficiency Review process involving Heads of Service and lead members has been modelling different scenarios based on reducing expenditure across Hastings Borough Council by 10%, 17.5% and 25%.

As a result it has been necessary to try and predict how these potential reductions might impact the Museum Service and possible responses to respond to these

More information is expected in early December when details of HBC's grant settlement are received and it is hoped that Museums Committee members can be informed of the latest situation at the meeting.

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## 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

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## Area(s) Affected

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

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## 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

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## Background Information

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