

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 14 March 2016

Report Title: Curator's Report

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Purpose of Report

to provide an update on issues arising from previous meetings and confirmation of Curator's actions

Recommendation(s)

- 1. that the Committee accept the report and are satisfied with the comments in the report**

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

This report updates members on matters carried over from previous meetings and other items not included on the agenda.

1. The Arts Council-funded Resilience review will be completed at the end of March 2016. The final report will be presented to the Museums Committee in June. We have sent an expression of interest for the second round of ACE Resilience funding and will find out at the end of March whether we will go on to put in an application.

2. Following changes to ESCC funding to the Children's Centre, the two weekly pre-school sessions at the Museum will end this month. These were the Little Explorers and Stay and Play in the Museum which have become increasingly popular. The Museum will fund a new group - Museum Explorers - on Thursdays in term-time until mid- July and will be working with In2Play to deliver sessions which will offer pre-school children and their adults the opportunity to come and discover the Museum through stories, song and play. We will then explore external funding opportunities to continue activities after this pilot period. It is probable that the Museum will also be hosting the Library's Rhyme Time during their refurbishment period, but a start date has yet to be confirmed.

3. The updated Museum website is due to be ready in March. IT staff have been dealing with a new intranet system for HBC, and there has been a compatibility issue with the internet provider.

4. Hastings Pier will be using 42 copies of the Museum's historic images in their digital archive which is part of the interpretation scheme in the new Visitor Centre. The Museum will be acknowledged with each image.

Images of the White Rock Baths were used in newspaper and television publicity for the opening of the Skate Park.

Wards Affected

None

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	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

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