

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 14 March 2016

Report Title: Local History Displays

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Purpose of Report

to update members on the progress of displaying the local history material

Recommendation(s)

1. that the Committee accepts the report and is satisfied with the report

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

1. The local history material will be going on display in 2016 as part of the town's celebration of the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. The exhibition which will open in June 2016 will tell the story of Hastings since 1066 in 66 objects, an engaging new interpretative journey through the 950year development of the town since Norman times through the collections of the Museum. The exhibition will have a chronological framework through which visitors can explore local and national events and individual stories. Some will reflect particular moments in time, others will tell stories of continuous themes and gradual change.

2. Public voting has been taking place on Facebook and through an online survey, now closed, on some of the stories and objects that will be included. Among the most popular stories which the public wish to see featured are: the Battle of Hastings, the changing coastline, the Elizabethan harbour, smuggling, the coming of the railways and Robert Tressell. Objects that have appeared on Facebook so far are: smuggling, World War I, Medieval and John Logie Baird.

3. The Before Hastings: Prehistory to Saxon gallery opened on 12 March. The 'Story of Hastings in 66 Objects' will open on 25 June, with a private view on Friday 24th.

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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