



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report

Cabinet Member for Community Services

Decision to be taken on or after 10 August 2001

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Title County Museum Service Acquisitions and Disposals Policy 2001-2004

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Electoral Divisions Affected

Summary

The County Museum Service is currently applying for Registration Phase 2 with *Re: source: The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries*. It is a requirement of the Registration process that the current Acquisitions and Disposals Policy is approved through the County Council's decision making procedure.

Recommendation

The County Museum Service Acquisitions and Disposals Policy 2001-2004 be approved as part of the application for Registration Phase 2 with *Re: source: The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries*.

A. The decision required, and why it is needed

The decision required is to approve the County Museum Service Acquisitions and Disposal Policy 2001-2004.

The County Museum achieved full Registration status under Phase 1 of the scheme in 1995 (Registered Museum number 1018), when its responsibilities included collections acquisitions and disposal for the whole of Buckinghamshire, including Milton Keynes.

The purpose of the County Museum's new Acquisitions and Disposal Policy is to define the present state and use of the Museum collections and to redefine the geographical collecting area of the Museum to take account of the Milton Keynes unitary authority. It defines the Council's responsibilities as governing body of the Museum in relation to the acquisition and disposal of collections held in trust. The policy also serves as a reference guide to curatorial decisions and priorities in the development of an accessible collections and information

resource and is supplemented by more detailed working policies relating to specialist areas of Museum collecting. Copies of the policy can be obtained from the Contact Officer.

An approved policy is required by Registration Phase 2, which the County Museum Service is currently undertaking.

B. Recommended action, and the reasons for this

The County Museum Service Acquisitions and Disposals Policy needs to be approved by the County Council in order to satisfy the requirements of the Museum Service's Registration Phase 2 application.

C. Other options available, and their pros and cons

There are no other options as an approved Acquisition and Disposal Policy is required in the current Registration Phase 2 application.

D. Resource implications

There are no resource implications arising from this decision.

E. Other implications

The policy also establishes more effective working relationships with other Registered museums in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes with regard to acquisition, management and transfer of collections and information. Specific reference is made to the following museums:

- Milton Keynes Council
- Buckinghamshire Military Museums Trust
- Wycombe Museum Service
- Buckingham Heritage Trust
- Chiltern Open Air Museum

F. Feedback from consultation and Local Member views

Milton Keynes Council, other museums within Buckinghamshire and *Re: source* have been consulted as to their views in the development of the policy.

G. Communication issues

Details of the decision, and copies of the policy itself, will be supplied to *Re: source* as part of the Registration submission, and to other museums at meetings of the Buckinghamshire Museums Network.

H. Other issues

Background Papers

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY MUSEUM SERVICE Acquisitions and Disposal Policy July 2001.

Copies may be obtained from the Contact Officer

Decision Taken:

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Date: _____

Decision Not Taken:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Reason: _____

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

*If you have any views on this paper which you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Head of Cabinet Support by **5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 9 August 2001**. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382966), Fax (to 01296 383441), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk*