

SECTION 1

1.1 Description of Object/Objects

Tilley Fire Cart (see images below)

A member of the public contacted the Museum of Lincolnshire Life in February and advised that they had come across paperwork that showed that the museum had a Tilley fire cart on permanent loan, on the agreement it would be fully restored. The family wanted to know if we still had it and were looking for confirmation that (as they understood) restoration had not been completed. The family wanted to have the cart back providing LCC could make the appropriate arrangements.

Having checked MODES, Collections Access team cannot find any entry for this object.

All accession register entries for 1979 and related paper records have been checked and no original paperwork can be located in our files, however the team are content from the conversations with this museum user and the documentation that they have supplied that it is genuine and that the family have an appropriate claim on the object.

1.2 Reason For Disposal

The item was accessioned in error and the donor's family now would like to see returned.

1.3 Suggested Means of Disposal & Reason

It is intended to return the item to the donor's family.

1.4 Impact Statement

Potential Risks:

No potential risks can be identified. The family appear to have legitimate claim to the item, which has been accessioned in error and therefore LCC have no legal claim to.

Potential Benefits:

The potential benefit is the generation of several cubic metres of available space to better manage and care for other objects.

1.5 Other Considerations

It has been suggested that the University Conservation department might be able to assist with any future conservation/restoration work – the original condition is significant. As and if disposal is agreed, Collections Access team would highlight this opportunity to donor family but will not be in a position to 'enforce' such an approach to possible restoration.

1.6 Recommendation

Item be returned to rightful owner/family.

SECTION 2

(to be completed by Disposal Panel)

2.1 Panel Decision

Fully agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation

Agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation, with additional requirements/
comment (section 2.2)

Disagree with Disposal Report recommendation for reasons given below (section 2.2)

2.2 Additional Comments

N/A

Signed: Jonathan Platt (Chair of Disposal Panel)

Date: 9th March 2012

SECTION 3

(to be completed by Collections Officer)

3.1 Exec Report No _____

3.2 Exec Decision No _____

3.3 Action / Date Completed _____

Ensure a copy of the Authority deaccession/disposal form is attached to this sheet

3.4 Name, Contact Details & Status of Recipient

Accredited museum, private museum etc.

3.5 New Location and Number of Object

For future access, should enquiries come in.

3.6 Benefits Achieved for the Service/Object:

Short summary tying back to section 1.4