

**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson,  
Interim Executive Director of Place**

Report to:	<b>Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>22 January 2019</b>
Subject:	<b>Future of the Heritage Service</b>

**Summary:**

This item invites the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider a report regarding the future of the Heritage Service. This report is due to be considered by the Executive in the meeting on 5 February 2019 and the views of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the Executive as part of consideration of this item.

**Actions Required:**

- (1) To consider the attached report and to determine whether the Committee supports the recommendations to the Executive in the meeting on 5 February 2019.
- (2) To agree any additional comments to be passed to the Executive in relation to this item.

## **1. Background**

This report provides a summary of the proposals for the Future of the Heritage Service. A copy of the full Executive report is attached at Appendix 1. The report seeks approval to conduct a public consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Heritage Service based on a move to a Cultural Enterprise Model. A Cultural Enterprise is an entrepreneurial organisation that delivers culture-based products and services to generate a profit (or surplus if a not-for-profit or public body) which are then used to ensure the enterprise's long-term sustainability and development. A Cultural Enterprise requires a culture of creativity, commercialisation and medium risk-taking.

This change would involve moving from a microsite to supersite approach. A microsite is a museum, gallery or heritage site which offers access to a single narrative through a highly specialized collection whereas a supersite is a heritage site, gallery or museum that offers multiple experiences, including both permanent and temporary exhibitions and events, which enables the broadest

range of audiences to engage with the widest range of experiences, and which maximizes the potential for commercial return.

The Detailed Business Case proposes that the Heritage Service offer should consist of a mixed economy of microsites and supersites as detailed in the report and DBC.

## **2. Conclusion**

On 5 February 2019 the Heritage Service plans to present an Executive Summary, Detailed Business Case and Equality Impact Analysis to the Executive and will be seeking support for the preferred option and approval to enter into public consultation. Ahead of that meeting, the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider whether it supports the recommendations in the report and whether it wishes to make any additional comments to the Executive.

## **3. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix 1	Executive Report – Future of the Heritage Service

## **4. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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