

CABINET – 18TH MARCH 2010

Report of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews)

ITEM 21 MUSEUMS SERVICE REVIEW

Purpose of Report

To consider the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews) following its consideration on 16th March 2010 of the report of the Director of Leisure and Environment, to be considered by the Cabinet at this meeting, which sets out the scope, objectives and proposed outcome of the Museums Service Review and the target level of savings attributed.

Recommendation Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews)

That the recommendations of the Director of Leisure and Environment be approved, subject to the following additions:

- (i) that officers explore revising the opening hours to allow for the Museum to open on Bank Holidays when there was a major event taking place in the park or the Town Centre; and
- (ii) that it be noted that the reductions proposed in the Museums Service Review were sensible, however, any further reductions would be potentially damaging to the service.

Reason

To support the reasons for the review and to ensure the following issues were taken into account:

- (i) there would be a significant number of people in the town on such days, who potentially would visit the museum, which could be advertised as being open as an additional attraction; and
- (ii) the Museums service was a small service area and further erosion of resources would disproportionately affect the service levels.

Policy Context

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8(c) sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Background

On 16th March 2010, the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews) met to consider item 21 on the Cabinet agenda (18th March 2010) – Museum Service Review (Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews) Minute 5).

The recommendations of the scrutiny group to Cabinet, along with the reasons are set out above.

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

There are no specific associated risks.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None associated with the scrutiny of this item

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