

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE AND HOUSING  
CABINET MEMBER**

**ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING FOR THE JOINING UP THE HUMBER PROJECT AND  
MAJOR PARTNER MUSEUM STATUS**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of the progress made in the first year of the 'Joining Up the Humber Museums' project.
- 1.2 To inform the Cabinet Member of the decision to award Major Partner Museums status to the partnership of North Lincolnshire Museums Service, Hull Museums and East Riding of Yorkshire Museum Service.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Arts Council awarded a grant of £1 million in April 2013. This grant is being shared between the three museum services in North Lincolnshire, Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire. We are using this funding to mark 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War. This was the largest grant that the Arts Council made under its Strategic Funding programme in that year.
- 2.2 We have produced an Annual Report for the Arts Council. The report details what the project has achieved in its first year. Highlights of this for North Lincolnshire include:
  - We have opened a new gallery in Normanby Hall. The gallery tells the story of how the Hall was used as an auxiliary hospital during the First World War.
  - We have promoted the museums through a new website and leaflet
  - We have launched the 'Poppy Project'. The project will work with school children to produce 10,000 poppies. The poppies will commemorate those from our region who lost their lives in the First World War.
  - We have recruited an Exhibitions Research Assistant. He is researching the impact of the First World War in North Lincolnshire. We will use the research to create new exhibitions in Normanby Hall and the North Lincolnshire Museum.

- We have updated the Image Archive hardware and software. We have appointed an Archives Project Officer. She is working with a team of volunteers to scan the 26,000 images in the collection.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 That the Cabinet Member notes the information contained in this report.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Not applicable as this report is for information only.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 The 'Joining Up the Humber Museums' project brought £1 million of Arts Council funding into the museums in the region between 2013-2015.

5.2 The Major Partner Museum status will bring a further £2.5 million of Arts Council funding into the museums in the region between 2015-2018.

### **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 Not Applicable.

### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 Not Applicable.

### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Member welcomes the information contained in this report on the progress achieved to date with respect to the 'Joining up the Humber Museums' project.

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