

**Appendices**

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**NORTHAMPTON**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL****CABINET REPORT**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Cabinet's Response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Pre-Decision Scrutiny Report - Museum Trust - 7 September 2016</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS:****PUBLIC**

<b>Cabinet Meeting Date:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Within Policy:</b>	Yes
<b>Policy Document:</b>	No
<b>Directorate:</b>	Customer and Communities
<b>Accountable Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr Anna King
<b>Ward(s)</b>	Borough Wide

**1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 To provide a response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee's pre-decision scrutiny report of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on the proposal to establish a museum trust.

**2. Recommendations**

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That Cabinet:

- 2.1 Gives careful consideration to Overview and Scrutiny Committee's pre-decision scrutiny report of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on the proposal to establish a museum trust.
- 2.2 Notes that Overview and Scrutiny Committee is satisfied that further investigation into the establishment of a museum trust, including a full options appraisal, will ensure the best outcome for the future of the Museum Service and Cultural Quarter.

2.3 In response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendation that a museum trust business plan is commissioned, instructs that a business case is first developed and brought back to Cabinet in February 2017 for its further consideration and thereafter it is determined whether Cabinet wish to proceed with the development of a full business plan.

2.4 Thanks Overview and Scrutiny Committee for its detailed and robust report.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

3.1.1 The purpose of the pre-decision scrutiny activity was to undertake pre-decision Scrutiny of the proposal to establish a museum trust to ensure the best outcome for the future of the Museum Service and Cultural Quarter.

3.1.2 A report was presented to Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to notify it of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Panel that carried out the aforementioned pre-decision work.

3.1.3 The Scrutiny Panel decided that the following needed to be investigated and linked to the realisation of the Council's corporate priorities:

Background data, including:

- Presentation to set the scene
- Relevant Legislation
- Relevant data

3.1.4 The findings of pre-decision scrutiny activity were detailed in the appendix to their report and a number of recommendations were formulated.

#### **3.2 Choices (Options)**

3.2.2 Cabinet may choose to agree to any or all of Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations in full or part.

3.2.3 Overview and Scrutiny committee have provided Cabinet with a robust and detailed report to support its recommendations, however there is significant cost associated with the development of a full business plan and Cabinet are therefore recommended to first develop a business case which will assist it in determining how it wishes to proceed ahead of incurring substantial costs, as per recommendation 2.3 of this report..

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 There are no policy implications directly arising from this report.

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 There will be no additional costs arising from the recommendations of this report. The business case will be developed by officers of the Museum Service with the support of colleagues in LGSS Finance and Legal Services.

4.2.2 The business case will provide a detailed assessment of risk associated with any options it proposes.

### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 Appropriate legal advice will be sought to ensure the business case that is developed is robust and sound and offers Cabinet appropriate legal advice on the legalities of establishing a museum trust in the future.

### **4.4 Equality and Health**

4.4.1 Equality and health implications will be taken full account of in the development of the proposed business case.

4.4.2 There will be an equalities impact assessment undertaken as an integral part of the business case development.

### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

4.5.1 A range of stakeholders will be consulted in the development of the business case. These stakeholders to include service users, elected members and staff.

### **4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes**

4.6.1 The proposal to develop a business case will help to ensure that the museum service is developed in such a way to make its maximum contribution to the future of Northampton.

4.6.2 This will include improving the town's cultural offer and ensuring the service provides value for money.

## **5. Background Papers**

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