

Review of Preston Hall and Park – Progress Report

| Recommendation | Responsibility | Completion Date/ Anticipated Completion Date | Evidence of Progress | Assessment of Progress (Categories 1 – 4) |
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| <p>1. A Park and Museum Master plan to be produced, with consideration given to the inclusion of the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publicity for the Park and Museum 2. State and condition of all of the buildings 3. DDA compliance 4. Improvement of signage 5. Improvement of the layout of collections. Collections should be rationalised to focus on local history and stories of Stockton, in particular: Railway, Shipping, Shipbuilding, River, Sheraton, Walker, ICI and the chemical industry, 6. Issues relating to the Spence Bequest - the armoury should be displayed properly or not at all 7. Issues relating to the Clephan Bequest – review of the location of the Dice Players and maximise opportunities from possible loaning/swapping with | <p>Head of Culture</p> | <p>March 08</p> <p>Sept 08 (Detailed)</p> | <p>Master plan produced and being detailed following extensive consultation, addressing each issue as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. principles agreed, work ongoing 2. condition survey complete 3. redevelopment plans informed by full access audit 4. in plans for later phase 5. rationalisation on track, following the priorities outlined in the Scrutiny Review 6. Armoury redisplay complete 7. Dice players location subject of specific recommendations within the redevelopment plans, recent loan to major international De la Tour exhibition raising awareness and future borrowing potential 8. improved retail opportunities in hall plans, later phase 9. improvements to wedding and other hires/income reflected in plans, work ongoing 10. Comprehensive conservation management plan for whole park completed for first stage Heritage Lottery bid | <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> |

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| <p>galleries/museums.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Museum Shop 9. Review Wedding Strategy 10. Grounds Maintenance, 11. Access issues 12. Anti-social behaviour and park security 13. Possible uses of the river, including a bridge from Ingleby Barwick 14. Internal transport throughout the park 15. How Stockton's history (Railway) might be represented in the park. 16. The future of the café 17. Aviary, menagerie and animal display issues | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. master plan includes provision for a roundabout on Yarm Road 12. consideration for increased CCTV and wardens. Work ongoing. 13. bridge or river crossing in master plan, work ongoing. 14. under consideration for later phase. 15. railway track-bed features and activity in master plan 16. café refurbishment in master plan 17. new (non animal) use for aviary structure under consideration, animal attraction in later phase. | |
| <p>2. Greater collaboration between the Museum Service, Events Team and various community settings (Community Centres, Libraries, Schools, etc)</p> | <p>Museum Service Manager, Events Manager</p> | <p>March 07 / Jan 09</p> | <p>'Museums on the Move' programme has built links with community groups and schools. Collaboration between all services improving, work ongoing.</p> | <p>2</p> |

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| 3. Include neighbourhood representatives on Park Management Group. | Head of Culture | March 07 | Ward and Parish Cllrs invited to join the Management Group. | 1 |
| 4. To retain the current entrance fee until further review. Officers to explore innovative admission packages in connection with events and park-and-ride. | Museum Service Manager | March 08 | Entrance fee retained, new 'pay once get in free all year' offer proving very successful, visitor numbers up. Park and ride being adopted more frequently for events. | 2 |
| 5. Request that CMT review Park and Hall management with the aim of providing a more coherent and 'joined-up' approach to working. | Head of Culture | March 08 | Staff structure and management responsibilities for all of park and hall, including activities within the park, covered in the business plan being developed for the stage 1 Big Lottery application. Detailed work ongoing. | 2 |