

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....10th January 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Collections Development Policy(Preston Hall Museum Accreditation)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Collections Development Policy for Preston Hall Museum's re-accreditation submission in January 2013. The Museum last underwent Accreditation in 2009 with the Museums Libraries and Archives Council prior to the refurbishment project. Responsibility for the newly revised scheme had changed and an invitation to re-accredit was issued in September 2012 and a submission must be made to the Arts Council by January 29th 2013 in order to maintain this important National standard.

The Museum Registration Scheme was established in 1988. Since then it had supported museums across the UK to focus on standards and identify areas for development. In 2004, the scheme was renamed Accreditation to better reflect its purpose.

The Accreditation Scheme set nationally agreed standards for museums in the UK. There were just under 1,800 museums participating in the scheme, demonstrating their commitment to managing collections effectively for the enjoyment and benefit of users. Accreditation was administered by Arts Council England in partnership with CYMAL (Museum, Archives, Libraries Wales), Museums and Galleries Scotland and the Northern Ireland Museum Council.

Preston Hall was last accredited in 2004 and had been invited to resubmit under the revised scheme in early 2013.

The Collections Development Policy combined the previous Acquisition and Disposal Policy and the Collections Rationalisation "Too Much Stuff" Policy.

The report detailed the accreditation process and a copy of the updated full policy was attached to the report.

RESOLVED that the Collections Development Policy for Preston Hall

Museum be approved to enable a submission for reaccreditation to be made.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To enable a submission for reaccreditation to be made.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

none

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

none

6. Details of any Dispensations

none

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 18th January 2013

Proper Officer  
14 January 2013