

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE**

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Subject: Amended Acquisition and Disposals Policy

Committee: Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

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Executive Summary:

This report

- proposes an amendment to the Acquisitions and Disposals policy which was approved in February 2010 and
- requests that the Joint Chairs supply early confirmation that the amendment has been approved at this meeting.

The policy that was approved in February 2010 was missing the following point re **Disposal**:

12 f. In exceptional cases, the disposal may be motivated principally by financial reasons. The method of disposal will therefore be by sale and the procedures outlined below in paragraphs 12g-12m and 12s will be followed. In cases where disposal is motivated by financial reasons, the governing body will not undertake disposal unless it can be demonstrated that all the following exceptional circumstances are met in full:

- *the disposal will significantly improve the long-term public benefit derived from the remaining collection,*
- *the disposal will not be undertaken to generate short-term revenue (for example to meet a budget deficit),*
- *the disposal will be undertaken as a last resort after other sources of funding have been thoroughly explored.*

The Acquisitions and Disposals policy guides our decision making when we are considering adding items to our collections or when we are considering disposing of items from our collection. It ensures we consider the costs, legality and the ethics of potential acquisition or disposal. It also provides us with a framework for avoiding conflict of interest with other organisations that may be collecting similar objects.

The policy also clarifies the Joint Committee's responsibility within the decision process.

This report presents the Joint Committee with an amended Acquisition and Disposals Policy, and asks for approval of this amendment. The reason early confirmation of approval is required is because we are re-applying for Accreditation with the Museums Libraries and Archives Council. Their panel meeting takes place on 22nd of July and they need all the paperwork to be with them by Friday 9th July 2010.

Mount Edgumbe Corporate Plan:

Contributes to the *% of collections managed to professional standards* outcome in the Corporate Plan

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

There is no cost

Other Implications: e.g Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment etc

None.

Recommendations & Reasons for Recommended Action:

It is recommended that:-

- I. The Joint Committee approve the amended policy and agree to provide early confirmation of this decision. The reason being that the old policy is missing one key point and as it stands does not meet the Museums Libraries and Archive Council's Accreditation requirements. The early confirmation is required because of a deadline for our Accreditation application.

Alternative Options Considered & Reasons for Recommended Action:

N/A

Background Papers:

- i) Accreditation Standard held at Mount Edgumbe
- ii) Proposed policy attached
- iii) Previous policies held at Mount Edgumbe

Sign Off

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