

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2017
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES)

MUSEUM SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report and its accompanying presentation is to inform members of this committee of the work of the council's Museum Service over the period April 2016 to March 2017.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That this Committee notes the content of this report and presentation for the Museum Service covering 2016-17.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 The Museum Service prepares and delivers an annual report to this committee at its last meeting in the municipal year. This enables committee members to see how the Museum Service contributes to local community life in the borough through its focus on arts, culture, education and heritage.
- 3.3 In a departure from its previous format this year's annual report takes the form of a presentation. This will better illustrate the depth and breadth of the work of the Museum Service across its two sites in the borough. Through the use of photo images this will also help members who may not have visited over the past year to better visualise its work and to stimulate questions and comments as part of the overview and scrutiny of this service.

Implications

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the content of this report as it is for information only.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The Museum Service is fully funded to provide a wide range of arts, culture, education and heritage services across its two sites at Mill Green in Hatfield and the excavated Roman Bath House in Welwyn.

6 Risk Management Implications

- 6.1 All risks associated with the delivery of the Museum Service are monitored and reported as appropriate in the council's operational risk register.

7 Security and Terrorism Implications

7.1 There are no known security or terrorism implications arising from the content of this report as it is for information only.

8 Procurement Implications

8.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the content of this report as it is for information only.

9 Climate Change Implications

9.1 There are no direct climate change implications arising from the content of this report as it is for information only.

10 Link to Corporate Priorities

10.1 This report is linked to the council's corporate priority to '*Maintain a Safe and Healthy Community*', specifically to help improve and maintain the health and wellbeing of residents, and to provide for a wide variety of leisure covering arts, culture, fitness and sport in the borough.

11 Equality and Diversity

11.1 A formal Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed in relation to this report as it is for information only.

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Background Paper:

Presentation – Museum Service Annual Report (2016-17).