

# JOINT MUSEUMS COMMITTEE 23 NOVEMBER 2015

## HARTLEBURY PRESENTATION

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### Recommendation

1. **The Museums General Manager recommends that the presentation on the future operation of Hartlebury be noted.**

### Background

2. The Joint Committee has received several progress reports regarding the project to transform Hartlebury into a new visitor attraction. In October 2014, this Committee received a report that the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust (HCPT) had been awarded a grant of £4.97 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) following the development phase.
3. In February of this year, the Committee approved the principles of a management agreement with the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust for the future operation of the wider site at Hartlebury Castle and the County Museum. It also authorised the Museums General Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Committee, to enter into a Management Agreement with Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust.
4. The development of a new business and financial model has been an integral part of the project in the intervening period. The work for Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust has been led by Peter Middleton of L&R Consulting as Project Director, who will be attending the meeting to give a presentation on the work to date and to answer questions.

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### Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Museums General Manager) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda papers and Minutes of the Joint Museums Committee meeting on 27 February 2015 (Item 4)