

**JOINT MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
23 NOVEMBER 2015**

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Recommendation

- 1. The Museums General Manager recommends that that the Environmental Policy Statement for Museums Worcestershire be approved.**

Background

2. At the last meeting it was noted that Museums Worcestershire has been invited to apply to renew its Accreditation status in February 2016. Museum Accreditation is the national standard for museums intended to drive improvements across the board. As such it is also used as an important tool to set criteria for the award of grants and other funding.
3. An Environmental Policy statement is a mandatory requirement of the standard and a signed set of minutes approving the document is part of the submission.
4. The policy statement was first developed in 2012 but has since been updated to include the new projects and development plans now in progress. Improvements to museum premises remain the function of partner authorities and will continue to be guided by policy statements on sustainability for the City and County Councils.

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Supporting Information

Appendix – Environmental Policy Statement

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:

Accreditation scheme for museums and galleries in the United Kingdom