

**Joint Museums Committee  
22 September 2014**

**4. MUSEUMS WORCESTERSHIRE PLAN**

**Recommendation**

**1. The Museums General Manager recommends that the issues raised in the presentation be considered and the production of a new Museum Strategic Plan for 2015-18 be authorised.**

**Background Information**

2. The current strategic plan for Museums Worcestershire was approved in 2011, to cover the period from 2011-14. It is therefore time for a review of the plan in order to chart a course for the medium term.

3. A forward plan is a requirement for Museum Accreditation, ideally to cover a 3-5 year planning cycle. It must include a clear statement of purpose, key aims and objectives and a resource plan. A planning document is also a requirement of the shared service partnership agreement.

4. The previous plan drew attention to the considerable uncertainties for the service surrounding the future of Hartlebury and the ground floor of the City Art Gallery and Museum building. Both matters are now close to resolution and this will help to dictate a direction for the service and give more certainty about future operational matters.

5. As a consequence it is intended to provide a presentation on the key issues at this meeting, with a completed version of the plan available for approval in November.

**Supporting Information**

None

**Contact Points**

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**Background Papers**

In the opinion of the Museums General Manager the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Museums Shared Service Partnership Agreement  
Museums Worcestershire Strategic Plan 2011-14