

**JOINT MUSEUMS COMMITTEE  
9 MARCH 2016**

**ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT**

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**Recommendation**

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

**Background**

2. At the last meeting it was noted that Museums Worcestershire had been invited to apply to renew its Accreditation status in February 2016. Museum Accreditation is the national standard for museums intended to drive improvements and it is used as an important tool to set criteria for the award of grants and other funding from external agencies.
3. The applications for Accreditation, one for each site, have now been submitted.
4. As part of the process, Museums Worcestershire has been asked to submit an access policy, approved by the joint committee as the governing body. This is a new and mandatory requirement and is supported by site specific access statements for each museum. The policy has been developed with support from the Equality and Diversity Manager at the County Council.

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**Supporting Information**

Appendix - Access Policy Statement – Museums Worcestershire

**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