

DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Service / Policy:	Museum Services/Safe and Attractive
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Section 1: Background Information

1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>To reduce the grant currently paid to museums by £10,000.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>There are 3 museums within Torbay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Torquay Museum• Brixham Museum• Torre Abbey <p>Torre Abbey is also directly managed and funded by Torbay Council.</p> <p>This budget includes grants to Torquay Museum (£68,600) and Brixham (£18,200)</p> <p>A budget reduction of £20,000 was agreed in February 2014, and a further budget reduction of £20,000 was proposed as part of the 2015/16 budget setting process, however it was agreed that £30,000 transitional funding was applied (pro Rata for Brixham and Torquay Museums) to enable the future museum project to be completed, which would provide a sustainable future model to assist in the management of all museums within Torbay. This transitional funding was agreed at the Full Council meeting in February 2015.</p>

3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>The council currently has a programme with the South West Museums Development Funding exploring a long term strategy for the future of our museums. The outcomes of this review will provide a direction of travel for the museums; however, they will need to be self-sustaining in any future delivery model. £30,000 transitional funding was applied in 2015/16 to enable the Museum Service to investigate this further.</p> <p>Due to the imminent budget pressure alternative savings proposals needed to be identified therefore a reduction in funding for 2016/17 has been proposed.</p>
4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reducing resources to best effect
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>This proposal has the potential to affect Torquay Museum and Brixham Museum as well as members of the public.</p> <p>Members of the public may be affected by this proposal as the reduction in grant could potentially result in a reduced service, or cessation of the service.</p> <p>The Museums will be affected by this proposal as this is a reduction in their grant.</p>
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>Consultation will be undertaken as part of the Councils general budget consultation – an online and paper questionnaire will be produced giving people the opportunity to have their say on this proposal,</p> <p>The Museums will be contacted directly to advise them of the proposal and to provide them with the opportunity to be able to advise the Council of the impact this proposed reduction in grant will have upon them.</p>