

## Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

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

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>What is the proposal / issue?</b></p> <p><del>To reduce the grant currently paid to museums by £10,000.</del></p> <p><b>Updated proposal:</b></p> <p>The proposal for Torquay Museum is:</p> <p>That the revenue reduction proposed to Torquay Museum is implemented. This will result in a grant for £37,000 to Torquay Museum for 16/17. In addition, transition funding of £20k is provided for Torquay Museum (to be held in a reserve account by the Council) until the end of 17/18 which can only be accessed by the Museum if being used for match funding for a project which provides financial stability for the attraction.</p> <p>The proposal for Brixham Museum is:</p> <p>That the revenue reduction proposed to Brixham Museum is not implemented in its entirety. That the grant to Brixham Museum is reduced to £13,000. In addition, transition funding of £5k is provided for Brixham Museum (to be held in a reserve account by the Council) until the end of 17/18 which can only be accessed by the Museum if used for match funding for a project which provides financial stability for the attraction.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>What is the current situation?</b></p> <p>There are 3 museums within Torbay:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torquay Museum</li> <li>• Brixham Museum</li> <li>• Torre Abbey</li> </ul> <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>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>What options have been considered?</b></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>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</b></p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use reducing resources to best effect</li> </ul>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</b></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</p>

	<p>cessation of the service.</p> <p>The Museums will be affected by this proposal as this is a reduction in their grant.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>How will you propose to consult?</b></p> <p>Consultation has been undertaken as part of the Councils general budget consultation – an online and paper questionnaire was produced giving people the opportunity to have their say on this proposal,</p> <p>The Museums were 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 would have upon them.</p>

<b>Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>What are the financial and legal implications?</b></p> <p>If this proposal is agreed the Service Level agreements with the Museums will need to reflect a 2 year funding arrangements with all funding ceasing in 2018/19.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>What are the risks?</b></p> <p>The risks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is the potential that Torquay Museum may have insufficient funding to continue operating</li> <li>• There is the potential that Brixham Museum may have insufficient funding to continue operating</li> <li>• If the proposal is agreed then education services at Torre Abbey will need to be delivered differently</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</b></p>

	N/A															
10.	<p><b>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</b></p> <p>A meeting has been held between the Mayor and a representative from Torquay Museum and representatives from Brixham Museum.</p>															
11.	<p><b>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</b></p> <p>Public consultation on the budget proposals started on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The proposals were communicated to the Torbay community via local newspaper (Herald Express &amp; Western Morning News), local radio, Twitter and Facebook and were detailed on the Torbay Council website. Emails were sent to key stakeholders and a range of opportunities were provided for people to contribute to the consultation, including a Budget Event held in Paignton. People were also able to send representations via email and post to Torbay Council.</p> <p>Responses for this proposal were as follows:</p> <p><b>Q6) Museum Services:</b> To reduce the grant funding currently paid to the Museum Service.</p> <p>This proposal is expected to save £10,000.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="875 1011 1496 1273"> <thead> <tr> <th>Do you support proposal 6?</th> <th>Number</th> <th>Percent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>331</td> <td>46.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>361</td> <td>50.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No answer</td> <td>19</td> <td>2.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>711</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The results of the meetings with the museum representatives can be summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The loss of the transition funding plus the additional budget reduction as proposed will place the museums in a unviable position</li> </ul>	Do you support proposal 6?	Number	Percent	Yes	331	46.6%	No	361	50.8%	No answer	19	2.6%	<b>Total</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>100%</b>
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12.	<p><b>Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions</b></p> <p><b>Following the consultation undertaken the following amendment to the original proposal is as follows:</b></p> <p>The proposal for Torquay Museum is:</p> <p>That the revenue reduction proposed to Torquay Museum is implemented. This will result in a grant for £37,000 to Torquay Museum for 16/17. In addition, transition funding of £20k is provided for Torquay Museum (to be held in a reserve account by the Council) until the</p>

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### Equality Impacts

<b>13</b>	<b>Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups</b>			
	There is the potential of an overall reduction in service delivery; however this will have no differential impact on the specific groups listed below.			
		<b>Positive Impact</b>	<b>Negative Impact &amp; Mitigating Actions</b>	<b>Neutral Impact</b>
	Older or younger people		No differential impact	
	People with caring Responsibilities		No differential impact	
	People with a disability		No differential impact	
	Women or men		No differential impact	
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>		No differential impact	

	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	No differential impact
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	No differential impact
	People who are transgendered	No differential impact
	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	No differential impact
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	No differential impact
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	No differential impact
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	No differential impact
<b>14</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts – Council wide</b> (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	The proposals affect both Torquay and Brixham Museum and therefore there will be an overall reduction in the museum offer in Torbay from the proposals.
<b>15</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts – Other public services</b> (proposed changes	None known

	elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	
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