

EXECUTIVE REPORT

**Joint Archives Committee Report – Archives Accommodation
Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development
Kevin Parkes, Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities
6th Sep 2016**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1. To update members on possible solutions for accommodation of Teesside Archives.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2. That members note the possible outcomes

IF THIS IS A KEY DECISION WHICH KEY DECISION TEST APPLIES?

- 3. It is over the financial threshold (£150,000)
It has a significant impact on 2 or more wards
Non Key

DECISION IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE

- 4. For the purposes of the scrutiny call in procedure this report is

Non-urgent
Urgent report

If urgent please give full reasons

SUMMARY INFORMATION MUST BE RESTRICTED TO THIS PAGE ONLY

BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

5. The current accommodation for the archives at Exchange House has not met the required standard for some time and is now close to being full. Various solutions have been looked at over the last few years but the Directors of Place have agreed that the service should move to new accommodation. Alternative premises have been sought, but none have yet been found that are suitable. Currently consideration is being given to a suitable site and investigations into types of buildings and service delivery models are underway. This would provide an opportunity to all 4 boroughs to house all their archival material to be held in secure accommodation that will be much more cost effective going forward.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IA)

N/A

OPTION APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT

6. A building that meets the PD5454 standard is needed to be in line with the requirements to retain the appointment of Place of Deposit as delegated by The National Archives. The withdrawal of the appointment means that the service would not be able to hold deposited public records under Section (I) of the Public Records Act 1958.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no financial, legal or ward implications at present as investigations are at an early stage

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. That members note the report

REASONS

9. To enable members to understand the need to progress with planning for new accommodation

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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