

20 MUSEUMS SERVICE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY 2012-2017

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services presenting the Museums Service Acquisition and Disposal Policy 2012-2017 for adoption and which was contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

The report advised that it was a core requirement of the National Accreditation Scheme for Museums as revised in October 2011 that the museum had an approved acquisition and disposal policy. The policy must include themes and priorities for collecting information about the legal and ethical framework for acquisition and disposal of items. West Lothian Council adopted such a policy in 1994 which was then revised in 1999 and 2006. Appendix 3 to the report contained details of the Accreditation Scheme for Museums and Galleries.

In conclusion it was advised that the acquisition and disposal policy involved only slight changes in content and emphasis from the 2006-11 policy, however adoption of the policy would assist the Museums Service to achieve the 2011 Accreditation standard, remain eligible for grant aid in the Museums sector and continue its high quality collections management work.

It was recommended that the Council Executive:-

1. Note the National Museum Accreditation Scheme which obliged West Lothian Council Museums Service to have an Acquisition and Disposal Policy (ADP) which conformed to Accreditation Standards in form and content and was adopted by West Lothian Council;
2. Note that the revisions to the Museums Service Acquisition and Disposal Policy necessitated by changes in the Accreditation Standard model ADP was revised in 2010; and
3. Adopt the Museums Service Acquisition and Disposal Policy 2012-17.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.