
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2003**

**EX.186/03 THE MUSEUM AND ART SERVICE - OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE
DELIVERY OF SERVICES (Non-Key Decision)**

Portfolio Health and Community Activities

Subject Matter

To consider a reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 17 July 2003 (Minute COS.70/03) with the observations of that Committee on the report of the Head of Culture, Leisure and Sport (CLS.49/03) which identified a number of options for the future delivery of the Museum and Art Service including options for the management of Tullie House.

The Executive had requested consultation take place on the following two options:-

(a) a modified in-house provision involving the establishment of a Development Trust with the purpose of seeking funds for investing in the service.

(b) A non profit distributing organisation ie a Trust.

The Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee had made the following comments and recommendations for consideration by the Executive:-

(1) The Committee looks forward to a further report back to this Committee at the next stage when there could be detailed scrutiny to develop the options.

(2) That the Committee would like to see a full explanation of the Guild Hall and Archaeological aspects which are of importance to the City.

(3) The Committee is concerned that putting Tullie House at arms length in whatever way could reduce the core of the authority and impose overheads on a smaller residual authority and exert future budget pressures which if allowed to continue would risk setting off a downward spiral.

(4) The Committee suggests there should be greater clarity in usage figures of the split between Museum customers who pay to enter Tullie House Museum and customers of the Restaurant who may enter through the Museum doors but are not paying an entrance fee.

(5) That in parallel to the present options, the Executive should be asked to consider the possibility of investigating an option of a five year development plan.

(6) That the Head of Culture Leisure and Sport inform all the relevant staff of the congratulations of the Committee on the achievement of a Centre of Excellence Award.

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee was present at the meeting and addressed the Executive over the above comments and recommendations of the Committee.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

That the comments and recommendations of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee be taken into account when further consideration is given to the options for the future delivery of the Museum and Art Service.

Reasons for Decision

The views of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be taken into account when further consideration is given to the options for the future delivery of Museum and Art Services.