

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 9 January 2017

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 16 January 2017

DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented,
unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of
the Gwynedd Council Constitution. **23 January 2017**

Councillor Mandy Williams-Davies

SUBJECT

National Museum Standards – Storiell and the Lloyd George Museum

DECISION

To approve the documents as note in the Officer Report

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Please see the Officer Report

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with
Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers
Welsh Government MALD

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report

Decision notice of an Individual Member of Gwynedd Council's Cabinet – Officer's Report

Name and Title of Cabinet Member: Cllr Mandy Williams-Davies
Cabinet Member: Economy and
Community

Name and Title of the Report's Author: Nêst Thomas
Principal Museums and Arts Officer

Date of Approval of the Report: 9 January 2017

Cabinet Member(s) Signature: 

Subject: To adopt policies in order to comply with Accreditation namely the National Museum Standards for Storiel and the Lloyd George Museum.

Recommendation for the decision:

To approve the documents in order for both museums to submit their applications to the National Accreditation Panel early in 2017

The reason for the need for a decision:

To adopt policies in order to comply with Accreditation namely the National Museum Standards for Storiel and the Lloyd George Museum.

These are important for museum procedures and the Accreditation standard is a condition in order to qualify for several grants.

Storiel

It is the Collections Development Policy that sets out the museum's purpose; what the museum collects following specific themes; what objects it does not collect (e.g. geology and biology collections); disposal guidelines; specific guidelines that are followed (e.g. concerning archaeology collections; archives)

Lloyd George Museum

It is the Collections Development Policy that sets out the museum's purpose; what the museums collects following themes dealing with David Lloyd George; what is does not collect (e.g. human remains; geology, biology); disposal guidelines; specific guidelines followed (e.g. concerning archives). During the museum's transfer period to another group this may be adapted as required.

Gwynedd Museums Service Forward Plan 2016-2021

The forward plan includes the vision and background to the Museums Service that specifically includes Storiell and the Lloyd George Museum. The action plan sets out the work programme for this period and includes the development of a business plan for Storiell in the period when the project and the Lottery Heritage Fund funding has ended and also the transfer of the Lloyd George Museum to another group.

Background Information regarding Accreditation and guidance

"An Accreditation is the UK standard for Museums and Galleries. It defines good practice and notes agreed standards and encourages development. It is a basic quality standard that aids to steer museums to be as good as they can, for the benefit of users now and in the future. This document outlines the requirements that museums have to satisfy in order to gain Accreditation'.

Aims of the Accreditation Plan

1. Encourage museums and galleries to achieve the agreed standards in terms of:
 - how they are managed;
 - how they manage their collections; and
 - the experiences of users.
2. To encourage confidence in museums as establishments that manage their collections for the benefit of society and manage public funding appropriately.
3. Reinforce the common ethical and professional basis for each museum.

Benefits of participating in the Accreditation Scheme

Performance

A quality standard that acts as an authoritative benchmark to assess performance, award attainment and stimulate improvement.

Profile

It raises awareness and understanding of museums, and improves confidence and credibility within the governing body and amongst the public.

People

It assists museums to focus more on satisfying the needs and interests of users and developing their workforce.

Partnerships

It helps museums to examine their services and encourages collaboration within establishments and with others.

Planning

It assists forward planning work by formalising procedures and policies.

Sponsorship

It indicates that the museum has achieved a national standard and this strengthens applications for finance and gives investors confidence in the establishment.

Rationale and justification for reaching the decision:

1. The Accreditation Standard states that these documents need to be approved officially in order to receive Accreditation.
2. The need of the Museums Service that appropriate and professional procedures are in place and are followed
3. Maximise the opportunities to receive grants

Secure appropriate and standard procedures for the Council's museums and receive approval from the National Accreditation Panel.

The museums follow Accreditation guidelines and national standards. This ensures that appropriate procedures are followed when running museums e.g. caring for collections. Receiving the accreditation standard is also vital to secure some grants.

We will be expected to continue with this standard - particularly at Storiel as it has received funding from funds such as the Lottery Heritage Fund. It will also facilitate support to transfer the Lloyd George Museum with grant support to develop a business plan for the new group. The Collection Development Policy has been accepted in the past by the Council and follows a national template. The Forward Plan has been adapted and sets out our priorities for the next few years and takes into consideration any changes afoot and as in the case of the arrangements to run the Lloyd George Museum in the future. It will be possible to adapt this according to need in the period following its submission for Accreditation now and by the next cycle in 2-3 years time.

Record of any personal interest and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee

None

Any consultations undertaken prior to making the Decision:

Consulted with –

Gwynedd Council Officers
Welsh Government MALD

Chief Executive

“Nothing to add”.

Chief Finance Officer

“The forward plan and the policies that are presented here have been prepared within the context of the financial situation that the service will face in the next few years. I have been advised by the author of this notice that the decision sought will not create additional financial commitments. Therefore, I support the proposed decision.”

Monitoring Officer

“No observations with regards to propriety”.

Local Member (s) - Not a local matter.