

Decision Recording Form

Title	Loan of objects from the Ipswich Borough Council collections	Decision Maker	Head of Culture and Environment
Date of decision	09.09.2016	Source of authority	Constitution Part 3 Section 5 para 10.8 (a)
Date of Publication			

Background and Reason for decision

Background

This decision relates to three current loan requests from the following:

Norfolk Museums Service have requested an extension to a current loan of the Replica Head of Claudius which was originally approved for a three-year period in 2013. The replica object is currently on display in the Boudica gallery at Norwich Castle Museum and it is proposed that it remain on loan. It will not be required for exhibition in Ipswich during the proposed three-year extension. An inspection visit will be arranged to check on the condition of the object. This loan extension has been approved.

The second request is from a PhD student at the University of Huddersfield for access to thirty Roman coins from The Rendlesham Collection as part of a research project assessing the condition of Roman coins from the ploughsoil and correlating this with historic land use and soil conditions on sites. This research forms part of the wider Rendlesham project which the Museum Service has been supporting for several years. The coins will be studied using XRF and X-Ray analysis. Satisfactory information has been provided regarding insurance and security arrangements. The loan is for a maximum period of six months and none of these items will be required for exhibition during this period. This loan has been approved.

The third request is from Suffolk Archaeology Service for access to 350 objects from The Rendlesham Collection as part of the preparation of the final publication of the Rendlesham project. The objects are required for illustration. Satisfactory information has been provided regarding insurance and security arrangements. The loan is for a maximum period of six months and none of these items will be required for exhibition during this period. This loan has been approved.

Consultation

The Portfolio Holder, Museums Management team and the Chair of the Friends of the Ipswich Museums have been consulted and the following are noted:

LO.2013.07 / IPSMG: R.1936-84 Replica Head of Claudius

Agreed: nevertheless, it suggests that we are missing out in Ipswich on the ability to display objects in our own collection. Note: the **Replica** Head of Claudius is of limited significance in terms of the story of Ipswich.

LO.2016.11 / The Rendlesham Collection: Roman coins (30)

Agreed: on the assumption that the findings of the research will be made available to the Ipswich Museums for display/interpretation. Note: it is standard practice that research results are requested by lending museums so that this information can be used in public presentation and interpretation.

LO.2016.12 / The Rendlesham Collection: selected items for drawing (350)

Agreed: as above (LO.2016.11) comments. Note: see response above.

Reason:

To enable the IBC collections to contribute to a permanent exhibition or to support wider archaeological research and to continue the Museum Service's partnership working with a network of cultural organisations.

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Museums Arts and Culture Manager

I support these loan requests as they will enhance our knowledge of Rendlesham and Anglo Saxon

Ipswich/Suffolk and support our colleagues in Norfolk Museums.							
Conflict of interest	N/A			Relevant Portfolio(s)	Museums		
ALL WARDS	Y						
NW	NE		CENTRAL	SW		SE	
Castle Hill	Bixley		Alexandra	Bridge		Gainsborough	
Whitton	Rushmere		St Margaret's	Gipping		Holywells	
Whitehouse	St John's		Westgate	Sprites		Priory Heath	
				Stoke Park			
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