



REPORT TO:	Portfolio Holder for Communities and Operational Housing
REPORT OF:	Assistant Director - Leisure and Culture
REPORT AUTHOR:	Rachel Rowett – Cultural Services Manager
SUBJECT:	In principle agreement of collaborative working with Spalding Gentlemen's Society and Ayscoughfee Hall Museum
PURPOSE:	That options have been explored to develop and build on the existing relationship between SGS and AHM. To work together on co-creation, exhibitions and sharing workspace
KEY DECISION:	<i>No</i>
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	None
EXEMPT REPORT?	<i>No</i>

SUMMARY

Ayscoughfee Hall Museum works with Spalding Gentlemen's Society at present, sharing expertise, displays/ exhibitions, and activities.

Closer working is to be developed, with a view to Spalding Gentlemen's Society utilising space within Ayscoughfee Hall Museum to display objects and communicate with visitors and stakeholders, whilst capital works are carried out to Spalding Gentlemen's Society building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That closer working and shared space is further explored and agreed upon, with a memorandum of understanding drawn up to support SGS with future funding applications and AHM with development plans.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To support key heritage organisations within South Holland to develop and grow sustainably.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 AHM and SGS have worked together for many years, not least with the Museum Manager acting as Accreditation Mentor to SGS since 2010.
- 1.2 SGS exhibit objects in dedicated cases in AHM and have supported AHM with events and activities such as the Festival of Archaeology.
- 1.3 SGS are exploring options for alternative exhibition space and workspace whilst urgent capital works are carried out on their existing Museum building.
- 1.4 AHM has been identified as a suitable reasonable alternative location for SGS to work from whilst the works are carried out. This is due to the historic associations between SGS and the owners of AHM, and the existing ongoing relationship.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Both SGS and AHM are significant heritage organisations and visitor attractions within Spalding Town Centre. Closer working would be mutually beneficial and increase the visitor experience and value on site.
- 2.2 Members of SGS Council and representative SHDC Officers have met to hold preliminary discussions about the direction of travel, and to discuss operational logistics.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Closer collaboration between SGS and AHM will be mutually beneficial and will result in an enhanced heritage offer for Spalding and South Holland.

4. EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

- 4.1 This will strengthen the partnership between two Heritage organisations which could create opportunities for wider collaborative working across the partnership.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S PARTNERSHIP

- 5.1.1 none

5.2 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5.2.1 The service at Ayscoughfee Hall Museum & Gardens contribute towards the Council's priorities; 'Your Place' and 'Your Health and Wellbeing'. This partnership will also contribute to 'Your Opportunity'.

5.3 STAFFING

5.3.1 none

5.4 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.4.1 none

5.5 DATA PROTECTION

5.5.1 none

5.6 FINANCIAL

5.6.1 none

5.7 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.7.1 none

5.8 STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

5.8.1 Consultation undertaken with SGS

5.9 REPUTATION

5.9.1 none

5.10 CONTRACTS

5.10.1 none

5.11 CRIME AND DISORDER

5.11.1 none

5.12 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

5.12.1 none

5.13 HEALTH AND WELL BEING

5.13.1 none

5.14 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.14.1 none

5.15 LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

(Use this section to highlight any links to the 12 missions contained in the Levelling Up White Paper set out below. Delete any which are not applicable. If none, insert the word 'none'.)

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Pride in Place	By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.

6. ACRONYMS

6.1 SGS Spalding Gentlemen's Society

6.2 AHM Ayscoughfee Hall Museum

APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

REPORT APPROVAL

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