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<b>Yr Aelod o'r Bwrdd Gweithredol:</b>	<b>Y Portffolio:</b>
Y Cyng. Meryl Gravell	Adfywio a Hamdden

## AMGUEDDFA TREF CAERFYRDDIN

### Y Pwrpas:

Ystyried y dewisiadau ar gyfer dyfodol Amgueddfa Tref Caerfyrddin yng ngoleuni'r cynllun Achredu Amgueddfeydd.

### Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

Pan fethodd Amgueddfa Tref Caerfyrddin ei hasesiad Cynllun Sicrhau Ansawdd i Atyniadau Ymwelwyr (VAQAS) yn 2016 a nododd yr adroddiad wendidau mawr o ran y sefydliad, amlygodd bryderon eraill hefyd ynghylch pa mor briodol oedd yr amgueddfa yn Amgueddfa Achrededig a'i lleoliad a'i gweithrediad presennol.

Yr ateb a argymhellir o ran dyfodol Amgueddfa Tref Caerfyrddin fyddai:

- Tynnu Amgueddfa Tref Caerfyrddin o'r Cynllun Achredu Amgueddfeydd ac integreiddio casgliadau perthnasol yn y datblygiad llyfrgell/archifau newydd.

Mae dewisiadau eraill hefyd yn cael eu hystyried yng nghorff yr adroddiad hwn.

### Rhesymau:

Mae'n ofynnol i Wasanaeth Amgueddfeydd Sir Gaerfyrddin gwblhau cais Achredu Amgueddfeydd erbyn Mehefin 2017. Bydd penderfyniad ynghylch Amgueddfa Tref Caerfyrddin yn cael effaith ar y cais am achrediad.

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

Signed:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER MEETING FOR REGENERATION & LEISURE**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

**CARMARTHEN TOWN MUSEUM**

Background

This report considers options for Carmarthen Town Museum, which has a number of infrastructural and operational challenges. Its location within Carmarthen Library function room means it is closed when the room is in use. It is used to store stacks of materials and is inaccessible and unsafe. The museum has been temporarily closed since November 2016 due to concerns over public safety. In 2016 it failed the Visit Wales VAQAS assessment due to inaccessibility, poor signage, being used as a store, and inadequate size.

Carmarthenshire Museums will reapply for Museum Accreditation for each of its sites by June 2017. Carmarthen Town Museum has many fundamental shortcomings. Among these are whether it is in fact a 'museum', when it is only a small display without staff, resources, no collection of its own, and no public engagement. It is unlikely to achieve Accreditation.

Consideration is required to agree an appropriate and sustainable future for the display of objects currently described as 'Carmarthen Town Museum'.

Options

**Option 1: remove Carmarthen Town Museum from the Museum Accreditation scheme and integrate relevant collections within the new archive/library development.**

- Achievable and collections are more accessible;
- Improves public image of museums, archives, libraries.

**Option 2: remove Carmarthen Town Museum from the Museum Accreditation scheme and place collections into storage until a future use is agreed.**

- Museums stores already over-full.
- No improvement to public access.

**Option 3: maintain the status quo and apply for Museum Accreditation.**

- Insufficient resources to develop the museum product to achieve Accreditation.
- Poor quality product reflects poorly on the service.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Ian Jones**

**Head of Leisure**

Policy and Crime & Disorder <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>YES</b>	ICT <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>YES</b>	Organisational Development <b>NONE</b>	Physical Assets <b>NONE</b>
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## 3.Finance

### Option 1

This option can be approached as either a low or high spec redisplay, subject to the requirements of the archive/library development design brief.

Dismantle existing display	In-house team / PHS	£0
Redisplay and graphics high specification option	New display case	£3,000 - £5,000
	Digital interpretation	£1,500
Redisplay and graphics low specification option	Re-use old cases	£0
	Printed interpretation	In-house

Redisplay costs may be considered eligible as part of the wider capital development scheme.

### Option 2

Due to a number of other pressing needs on museum storage, including the loss of the furniture store at Carmarthenshire County Museum to the Tywi Gateway Trust and the potential loss of stores at Parc Howard to a commercial tenant, the only immediate option is commercial storage.

Dismantle and pack existing display	In-house team / PHS	£0
Transportation	In-house team	In-house
Hire of secure storage unit	External contract	t.b.c.

### Option 3

This option would realistically require major capital and ongoing revenue investment in order to establish a museum product that meets minimum Accreditation and VAQAS standards.

