# **MUSEUMS IN ESSEX – MEMBERSHIP**

# 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. A letter has been received from Museums in Essex, a county wide consultative committee for Essex museums, asking the Council to consider becoming a member of the organisation.
- 1.2. The organisation is keen for all Essex authorities to become members and, at the present time Rochford is the only non-member in the County.
- 1.3. The annual fee is in the region of £1,000,.

# 2 INTRODUCTION

- Museums in Essex appreciate that Rochford has little in the way of museum facilities. However, membership would enable travelling exhibitions to visit suitable venues.
- 2.2. The organisation also provides its member museums with training, assistance with grant applications and investments through challenge funding, etc., as well as the advice of its officers.
- 2.3. Should Members so wish, an officer of the organisation would be available to make a presentation to a future meeting of this Committee.

#### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 No budget provision has been made for the current financial year. However, should Members be minded to join the organisation, the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) would need to identify a virement during the year under his delegated authority. Budget provision would need to be made in future years.

### 4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** 

To consider the request from Museums in Essex that Rochford become a member. (CD(FES))

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 2 October 2001

# **Background Papers:**

Letter from Museums in Essex dated 5 July 2001.

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