

TITLE OF REPORT: Fees and charges

REPORT OF: Chief Archivist & Director of Culture and Communities

Purpose of the Report

To inform the committee of proposals for fees and charges for 2009/10

Background

1. The archives service has customarily sought approval from the joint committee for any changes in fees and charges for the coming financial year.
2. Merger of Tyne & Wear Archives Service and Tyne & Wear Museums from April 2009 has necessitated a review of fees and charges of the two organisations with a view to harmonisation where both provide the same service.
3. The main areas of overlap are in respect of fees for commercial usage of images from/of the collections.
4. Tyne & Wear Museums do not currently have any formal scale of charges for the provision of reference copies of images and use a commercial web-based supplier (www.artprints.org.uk) for the sale of high quality reproductions.

Proposals

5. Fees for commercial usage of images from the two organisations will be brought into line from the date of merger.
6. Tyne & Wear Museums will adopt the archives service's scale of charges for reference copies.
7. The archives service will select a small number of its images to sell via the Artprints website, initially on a trial basis.

Recommendation

8. The committee is recommended to approve the proposals.

Alternative Options

9. There is no alternative option at present.

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