

Lancashire museum consultation 2016



The county council continues to face an unprecedented financial challenge. Over the next five years to 2020/21 the council needs to make savings of £262m on top of those agreed within previous budget processes. This extremely difficult financial picture is the result of continued cuts in funding by Government, rising costs and rising demand for key services.

Based on current spending and forecast demand for services, the council will not have sufficient financial resources to meet its statutory obligations by April 2018, even if we no longer continue to deliver any of the non-statutory services. The council will need to rely heavily on reserves in order to set a balanced budget for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Lancashire County Council (LCC) has provided a museum service for the communities of Lancashire and its visitors since the early 1970s. Lancashire County Council owns and manages the following museums: Judges Lodgings; Helmshore Mills Textile Museum (Whitaker's Mill); Queen Street Textile Museum; and the Museum of Lancashire. We also manage the Fleetwood Maritime Museum which is leased from Wyre Borough Council. And we operate Lancaster City Museum; the Cottage Museum; and Lancaster Maritime Museum on behalf of Lancaster City Council, Clitheroe Castle on behalf of Ribble Valley Borough Council, Gawthorpe Hall on behalf of the National Trust and tours of Lancaster Castle on behalf of the Duchy of Lancaster.

There is a proposal that from 31 March 2016 we will close the following five museums: Fleetwood Museum; Helmshore Mills Textile Museum; Judges' Lodgings Museum; Museum of Lancashire; and Queen Street Mill Textile Museum. The museum service is not statutory but we are working with partners, other organisations and local people to explore a range of options in an effort to ensure that the county council's legacy of investment and commitment to the preservation of its heritage continues.

These museums enable people to explore Lancashire's collections and buildings for inspiration, learning and enjoyment. Their most notable collections reflect 2,000 years of Lancashire's social, industrial and military history. Highlights include fine furniture-making, the county's important place in the industrial revolution and its significant maritime trade and fishing heritage. Many of the collections were generous donations from local individuals, communities and beyond, held in trust for future generations.

They offer experiences for all ages from pre-school onwards, knowledgeable specialist staff, changing exhibitions and activities to suit a wide range of interests. We value your views about the museum service you want and encourage you to fill in this questionnaire and express your comments in the space provided in question 11.

2**On your last visit to a museum managed by Lancashire County Council who did you visit with?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- I have never visited a museum managed by LCC
- With family or friends
- With an organised group
- With a school group
- With children or young people (aged under 20)
- With a young person with a disability (aged 0-25)
- With adults
- With adults who have a disability (aged over 25)
- Visited on my own

3**What were your reasons for your last visit to a museum managed by Lancashire County Council?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- I have never visited a museum managed by LCC
- To learn about Lancashire
- To learn about my heritage
- To see an exhibition or display or specific collections
- For something to interest my children
- To see what the museum has to offer
- As a tourist or day trip visitor
- Something to do in my spare time
- To find out about family/local history
- For education/learning/research
- Nostalgia/reminiscence
- Event, activity or workshop
- Visit restaurant/café or gift shop
- Visited for another reason
- Don't know/can't remember

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If you haven't visited a museum managed by Lancashire County Council in the last 2 years, why?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- I don't know what's on offer
- Building not physically accessible
- Dissatisfied with my previous visit
- Inconvenient opening times
- Nearest museum is too far away
- Entrance fee is too high
- Poor public transport links
- Lack of car parking
- I prefer to research/look at collections online
- No time or too busy
- No interest
- Other
- Don't know

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What, if anything, would encourage you to use the museums managed by Lancashire County Council more often?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

If there was a wider range and frequency of activities and events

If the exhibitions were changed more frequently

If the entry fee was cheaper

If there was free entry to all sites

More for my children to do

Improved access to the collections for disabled people

Improved interactive experience with the collections (eg displays that incorporate sound and touch)

If there was free public WiFi

If one was nearer to me

Better links to public transport

Improved car parking facilities

More convenient opening times eg evenings

Better website

More publicity

Easier to find/better signage

Nothing

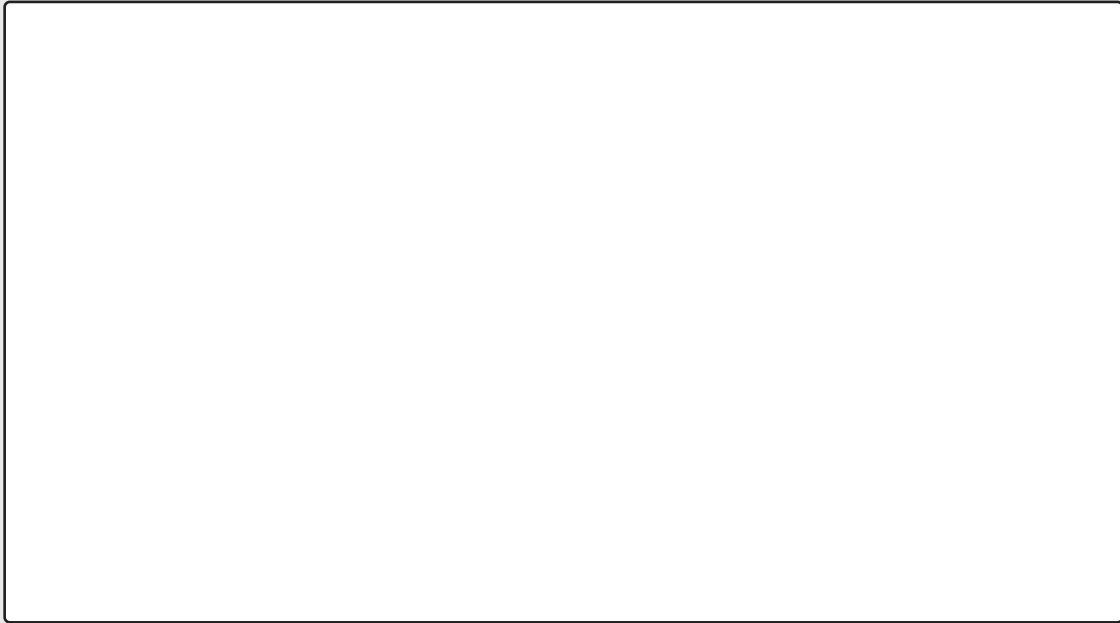
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How will this proposal impact on you?

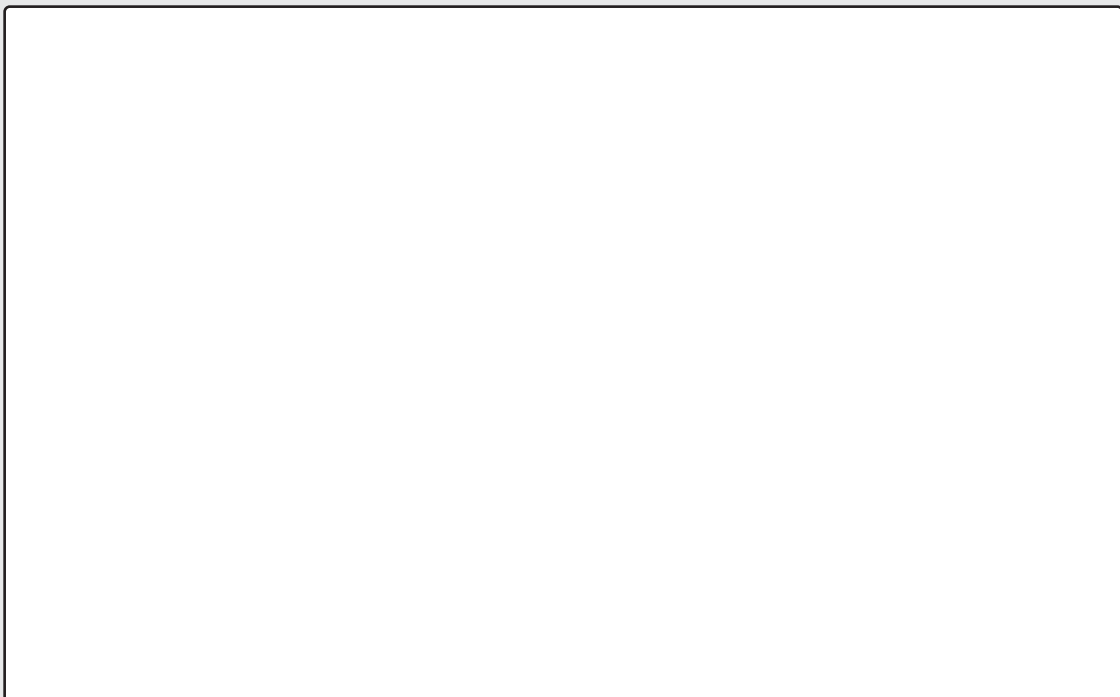
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Do you have any suggestions or other comments about the museums managed by Lancashire County Council?

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW



16**Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability?**

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes No **17****Are there any children or young people in your household aged under 20?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

No, but expecting	Yes, aged under 5	Yes, aged 5-8	Yes, aged 9-11	Yes, aged 12-16	Yes, aged 17-19	No children aged under 20
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18**Are there any young people with a disability in your household aged 20-25?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes No **19****Which best describes your ethnic background?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

WhiteEnglish/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British Irish Gypsy or Irish Traveller Any other white background **Black or Black British**Caribbean African **Other**Arab

Any other ethnic group (write in below)

Asian or Asian BritishIndian Pakistani Bangladeshi Chinese **Mixed**White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian

20**What is your religion?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Christian (including CofE,
Catholic, Protestant and all other
denominations) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Any other religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |

21**Are you in a marriage or civil partnership?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

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| Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Civil partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| None of these | <input type="checkbox"/> |

22**How would you describe your sexual orientation?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Straight (heterosexual) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lesbian/gay woman | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gay man | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

23**What is your postcode?**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Thank you for taking part.

Please return your completed questionnaire by 13 March 2016 to where you picked it up from, or mail it to 'Have your say, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD'. Alternatively you can complete it online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay