

**Exempt Minutes of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Archives
Committee Meeting held on 7 February 2019**

PART TWO

74. Exempt minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018

RESOLVED – That the exempt minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

75. Staffordshire History Centre Project

The Committee received an exempt joint oral report from the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities (Staffordshire Council) and Director for Housing and Community Services (Stoke-on-Trent City Council) updating them on the future of the Staffordshire History Centre Project.

Staffordshire County Council's Director had attended a meeting of the Authority's Informal Cabinet yesterday to give them details of four options for the project having regard to the Heritage Lottery Fund's decision not to support the Service's Stage two bid for funding. The preferred option was for a phased approach to be taken which included (i) implementation of the storage element of the project; (ii) remodelling of the Staffordshire Record Office's public space and; (iii) resubmission of the exhibition space element of the project to the HLF during their next bidding round.

It was estimated that the preferred option required additional funding of £1m to take forward. However, annual costs savings were expected to be in the region of £179,000. Therefore, Informal Cabinet had requested a detailed business case be developed and submitted to them for consideration in due course.

The Director also highlighted National Archives' requirement in respect of ensuring adequate storage was provided in the future. This was key to the Service's retention of accredited status and offered the potential for accessing other areas of funding.

RESOLVED – That the joint exempt oral report be noted.

Chairman

