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## QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – DICKENS HOUSE MUSEUM

To: **Council – 4 December 2014**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Viking Ward**

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**Summary:** **The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Services to receive a question from a member of the public in relation to the Dickens House Museum**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Johnston, as Cabinet Member for Community Services, has been received from Mr Jeff Kirkpatrick:

<p>“Despite repeated discussions, and further assurances prior to the previous full Council meeting, no action has been taken to use the £50,000 bequest for improving the Dickens House tourism product. The initial offer was reaffirmed over two years ago. Does Council intend to ever take advantage of this money?”</p>
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- 1.2 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.
- 1.3 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.8, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.
- 1.4 The total time devoted to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

#### **2.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **2.1 Financial**

- 2.1.1 None arising directly from this report

##### **2.2 Legal**

- 2.2.1 None arising directly from this report

## **2.3 Corporate**

2.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.

## **2.4 Equity and Equalities**

2.4.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

3.1 This report is for information.

## **4.0 Decision Making Process**

4.1 This report is for information.

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### ***Annex List***

None	
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### ***Background Papers***

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
None	

### ***Corporate Consultation Undertaken***

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a