



Arts, Museums & Heritage Forum Newsletter

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North Herts. Museum and Community Facility - update

A report on the new North Hertfordshire Museum & Community Facility, scheduled to be considered by Council at its meeting on 8th September 2011, will now not be finalised in time for that meeting. This is because a decision from FutureBuilders as to whether they will agree to a revised draw down schedule for Hitchin Town Hall Ltd's grant/loan will not be considered until 7th September.

Council staff are liaising closely with Hitchin Town Hall Ltd on this and we hope to report to Council as soon as possible. In the meantime Hitchin Town Hall Ltd and officers are continuing to work hard on completion of the necessary legal agreements as far as we are able.

The tendering process for the Lead Consulting Architect, who will oversee the whole project, is now well under way. This is a two-stage process, where interested companies first complete a thorough 'Pre-Qualification Questionnaire'. These are currently being assessed, and we will shortly be in a position to invite around half a dozen companies to tender for the work. Over eighty firms expressed an initial interest, and seventeen have submitted 'Pre-Qualification Questionnaires'.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, please contact Ros Allwood, Cultural Services Manager on 01462 435197 or ros.allwood@north-herts.gov.uk