**SALFORD CITY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION**

I Ian Stewart, City Mayorin exercise of the powers conferred on me by Paragraph7 of the

Scheme of Delegation of the Council do hereby :

 Accept the tender of £178,341 and agree that funding of £213, 405 from the City Council’s

Capital Programme (2011/12 allocation from the Capital Programme for the Salford Museum

and Art Gallery) is allocated for the works and fees for a first phase of physical improvement

work at Salford Museum and Art Gallery.

The reasons are:

1 The City Council approved an ambitious vision, master plan and concept design for the overall longer term refurbishment of Salford Museum and Art Gallery that will support the regeneration of the City through developing its role as a museum of regional significance for social history. Given the difficult short term financial situation, the City Council has been considering how it can progress phases of improvement work to the museum.

2. The proposed first phase of improvements comprises of work to the main entrance portico, existing reception area and area currently used as the main staff office at the museum. This will result in the transformation of this space into one large welcome space, providing visitors with improved access, reception, retail & café facilities.

3 In February 2012 the City Council’s Cabinet approved:

i this first phase of improvement work to the Salford Museum and Art Gallery;

ii funding from 2011/12 Capital Programme allocation for the museum project;

iii the waiving of standing orders to enable this project to be tendered to

 contractors specialising in museums and/or listed building refurbishment

4 The tenders received excluding VAT in ascending order were:-

 £178,341.30

 £197,424.00

 £205,644.02

 £278,891.38

The works are planned to commence in August 2012 for completion by November 2012

Assessment of Risk Low

The source of funding is City Council Capital Programme

Legal advice obtained

Financial advice obtained

The following documents have been used to assist the decision process.

(If the documents disclose exempt or confidential information, they should not be listed, but the following wording shall be inserted :"(The relevant documents contain exempt or confidential information and are not available for public inspection)" : -

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| \* The appropriate Scrutiny Committee to call-in the decision is the …Neighbourhoods  Scrutiny Committee. |

Signed ………Ian Stewart ……… Dated … 9July,2012 ………

 City Mayor

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This decision was published on ………9 July ,2012 .

This decision will come into force 16 july,2012

unless it is called-in in accordance with the Decision Making Process Rules