

## 170. Neighbourhood and Community Services Directorate

<b>Name of policy, procedure or function:</b> Warrington Museum & Art Gallery		
<b>Service Area:</b> Neighbourhood and Community Services Directorate	<b>Equality Impact Assessment completed by:</b> Principal Museum Manager	<b>Date:</b> September 2009
<b>Summary of Findings:</b>		
<p>Warrington Museum &amp; Art Gallery aims to provide both physical and intellectual access to its collections and to provide enriching learning experiences for the benefit of all. The purpose of the Museum is to inspire, challenge and stimulate its visitors and to encourage lifelong learning. The Museum provides :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free access to the permanent galleries which feature the History of Warrington and its people throughout the ages; the story of the Natural World; cultural diversity in the World History Gallery and Fine and Decorative Art collections.</li><li>• A changing programme of free temporary exhibitions</li><li>• Free family-friendly activities around the galleries</li><li>• A programme of sessions linked to the national curriculum for schools and early year's settings and a school loans service.</li><li>• A free weekly object enquiry/identification service</li><li>• An enquiry service for academics and researchers</li><li>• A programme of talks for adult groups</li></ul> <p>Warrington Museum is a free fully accessible building providing a wide variety of services for visitors and via its website and in partnership with other providers. The Museum's diverse collections and variety of exhibitions and activities receive favourable feedback from a variety of audiences.</p> <p>The main challenges facing the service relating to this Equality &amp; Diversity assessment are capturing relevant data and ensuring that information on service provision is widely disseminated within time and budget constraints.</p>		