

**Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee****Date: 27 June 2017****Title: Segedunum Developments**

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**1 Purpose of Report**

To present Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee with an outline of the recent investment in Segedunum and proposals for the future.

**2 Recommendations**

The committee is invited to receive a presentation, note the information included and offer comments and observations on the proposals outlined.

**3 Details**

- 3.1 As part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (FRE) World Heritage Site, Segedunum Roman Fort, Bath House and Museum occupies a significant place in the tourism and heritage offer in North Tyneside. Marking the Eastern end of Hadrian's Wall, and the end of the Hadrian's Way trail for many walkers every year, gives Segedunum a profile beyond regional and national boundaries.
- 3.2 The investment undertaken since the Northern Powerhouse funding in 2015 has kickstarted a process of raising the profile of Segedunum, as part of the wider objective of increasing visits to Hadrian's Wall across the region.
- 3.3 The conservation and interpretation of the original bath house, hidden for 200 years, has added to the offer of the museum, along with the uncovering of the existing stretch of Hadrian's Wall on Buddle Street. These significant archaeological initiatives have been complemented by a range of measures to improve the site, including landscaping, seating and a play area.
- 3.4 The addition of public art to the site, in the form of the Sentius Tectonicus sculpture by local artist John O'Rourke, has added a further dimension to the offer at Segedunum. A long standing demand of walkers to have a marker to signify the end of the trail has been satisfied.
- 3.5 This presentation will give an overview of the investment to date, its impact so far and some initial thoughts on proposals for future development.