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'Decolonising' plan for Ipswich and Colchester museum collections outlined



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A decolonising strategy has been published for addressing artefacts of questionable provenance at Ipswich Museum - Credit: Sarah Lucy Brown

A plan to 'decolonise' collections at Ipswich and Colchester museums over the next six years has been agreed, which museum chiefs say will help address "problematic" displays and encourage greater diversity.

The joint Colchester and Ipswich Museums Service, which runs Colchester Castle, Hollytrees Museum and the National History Museum in Colchester as well as Ipswich Museum, Ipswich Art Gallery and Christchurch Mansion in Suffolk, has published a plan for 2021-27, linked to the Ipswich Museum revamp project.

The document, approved unanimously by the the joint museums committee of Ipswich and Colchester borough councils on Tuesday afternoon, said that Ipswich Museum's displays are "problematic, with certain artefacts of questionable provenance".

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It added: "The documentation of much of the world cultures collection, collected predominantly in the 19th Century, is superficial and needs urgent remedial investigation."



It has also been acknowledged that "whilst the museum has an array of world objects, its current ethnic visitor profile does not reflect that of the local, diverse demographic".



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Work under the plan will see new research with indigenous sources and previously excluded stories, and re-examining how the museum came by some of its artefacts and being transparent with visitors of how they were acquired.

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