**Media Statement – Suspended Industrial Action 29 and 30 October 2026**

We are pleased to confirm that Prospect and PCS have agreed to suspend industrial action on 29 and 30 October 2026 to allow further negotiations to take place.

All V&A museums will be open this week, including all exhibitions, free displays and planned half term activities. While we are working to reinstate as much of our public programme as possible, unfortunately some events may still be cancelled or postponed - visitors are encouraged to check our website before travelling.

We welcome this opportunity for constructive discussions with our trade union colleagues. Our latest pay offer delivers an average 4.18% pay rise and a 6.9% increase for our lowest-paid colleagues; increased bank holiday pay to 1.5, alongside a sector-leading bonus scheme and a subsidised food offer for staff at all V&A sites. All our staff are already paid at least the London Living Wage – and work is underway reviewing accreditation. As negotiations have been ongoing since February, we hope a resolution can be reached as soon as possible.