



Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

Report of: Jan Fitzgerald/Andrew Milroy

Subject: The future of Sheffield's Library Services

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Summary:

The Executive Director for Communities has approved the attached report which sought approval for the next stage of the Libraries, Archives and Information Service review. Research, consultation and an option analysis have been undertaken. The 12 week consultation period seeks views on the proposals for the future of library services. The proposal describes the creation of 11 hub libraries and up to 5 co-delivered community libraries. The remainder may become independent libraries with the exception of Tinsley library which will remain open as a Council run facility for the next two years for reasons set out in the report. A change is proposed for the opening hours of Central Library which will retain its 6 day opening. It is proposed that the Mobile service be closed due to a decline in usage, and the Home Library service will be developed reflecting the needs of an ageing population. The results of the consultation will inform a report to Cabinet in the New Year.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	X
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

Scrutinise and satisfy itself that the proposals are the most appropriate way forward for the Libraries service.

Background Papers:

Appendix A Public consultation (2012) report
Appendix B Registrations of Interest
Appendix C Libraries Needs Analysis
Appendix D Vision 2013
Appendix E Analysis of potential operating models
Appendix F Outline Strategy
Appendix G Outline of the service offer
Appendix H Equality Impact Assessment

Category of Report: OPEN