

Strategic outline for the future of Sheffield's library services

APPENDIX F

Strategic objective	Outcome/benefit	Methodology
Promote reading and a wide range of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books and reading are celebrated. • Library provision which enables the improvement of literacy and skills for people of all ages. • Library provision that recognises the changing demands and expectation of its users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide literacy resources • Provide I.T. resources • Specialist services and projects.
Access to information services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information is easy to source and convenient. • Digital inclusion is supported and there is easier access to online services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information is signposted where appropriate • Fostering links with local services • Central point of contact for information service • Provide I.T. resources including access to the People's Network, wi-fi in key locations, access to e-books, improved online catalogue. • Development of new business and health information services.
Create welcoming library spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups and individuals are encouraged to use the library space. • Space responds to local need • Service points are closer to neighbourhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain neutral space welcome to all • Well designed public space • Libraries co-located with other services where appropriate. • Continue active refurbishment programme.
Celebrate Sheffield's successful centres and rich local history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield's diverse history, locality and culture is celebrated and showcased. • There is a focus for local civic pride. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high quality central library • Community hubs • Access to and development of Archives and Local Studies collections. • Increased emphasis on digitised resources.
Tackle poverty and social inequality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute and support towards opportunities to tackle poverty and social inequality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community hubs • Volunteer programme • Access to online services, through and with partner organisations.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to knowledge and information
Promote lifelong learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of all ages are enabled to explore, discover and learn, to realise their potential. • Children and young people are encouraged to gain the right skills for the future and attain their potential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to information and learning opportunities • Access to learning, reading and literacy • Usable study space.
Deliver sustainable services with a focus on 'local need'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diverse needs of individuals and groups across the city are recognised. • Library services inspire, enrich and entertain Sheffield. • Services are cost effective and efficiently managed and demonstrate value and quality to the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tailor made approach • Sustainable, flexible and modern services. • Services that can be integrated with community resources. • Income earning strategy (fundraising, sale of goods and services, fees and charges, sponsorship and legacy development). • Hub of complementary services sharing one building where appropriate • Develop strong partnerships and links with community organisations, local and community managed services. • A diverse, flexible and well trained workforce, supportive of change.
Utilising social capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different areas of the service are enhanced. • Communities are developed, improving skills and employment prospects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Strategy that works alongside a Council wide policy on volunteering. • Develop specialist projects and opportunities for individuals and groups to be involved in.
Promoting better health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to health benefits for library users and visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing opportunities for enjoyment and relaxation • Contribute at a local level to the National Public Library Health Offer. • Provide a safe, neutral environment. • Contribute to Health & Well Being Strategy, • Development of partnership working with NHS, e.g. Help Yourself, Books on Prescription.

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