
Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee

28 January 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

Update on the Refurbishment of the Main Library

Summary

1. This report presents a report informing them of the work currently being undertaken to refurbish the main library in York. Members are asked to note the contents.

Background

2. At a previous meeting of this Committee, members were informed that work was ongoing to refurbish the main lending library in York. The Committee requested a report detailing the work to be carried out, and agreed to receive a report that had previously been presented to the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion, setting out the plan for phase one of the transformation of York Library to an Explore Centre – see Annex A.

Consultation

3. The consultation carried out as part of the decision to carry out the refurbishment of the main library is detailed in the report attached.

Options

4. Having considered the information in the attached report, Members may agree to note the information provided or if necessary, request additional information.

Update on Progress

5. The Library closed on 31 October 2009 and will reopen in spring 2010. The work is on schedule and the Contractors who are in close contact with the Council's Conservation Officer, are being very helpful in resolving any issues that arise.
6. York staff are working in our other libraries and receiving weekly training days to reinforce existing skills and learn new ones. Principally, how to work in a library with self issue. They can learn this at Acomb explore centre which already operates in this way.

Corporate Strategy

7. The refurbishment of the main library supports a number of the Council's aims i.e. to make York a 'Learning City', a 'City of Culture' and an 'Inclusive City', by providing easy access to educational and historical materials via a number of mediums.

Implications

8. There are no known legal, financial, HR, equality, property or other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.
9. The implications associated with the recommendations within the report at Annex A are shown within the body of that report.

Risk Management

10. There are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to note the contents of the report at Annex A

Reason: To ensure the Members are fully aware of the ongoing work being carried out by the Council, that falls within the remit of this Committee

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) N/A

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Information Report on Refurbishment of Main Library