

## **Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previously Completed Scrutiny Review on Libraries**

### **Summary**

1. In order to inform Members consideration of a proposed scrutiny topic on 'Making local libraries work for communities', this report provides Members with an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from a previous scrutiny review on Libraries carried out in 2005, and information on the forthcoming public Explore Vision and Community Consultation.

### **Background**

2. The recommendations arising from the previous Libraries review were approved by the Executive in December 2005. In January 2007 an update on the implementation of the approved recommendations was provided and the recommendations were signed off.
3. At a meeting of this committee in June 2012, in order to inform their consideration of the new Libraries scrutiny topic, Members considered the final report from the 2005 review and the January 2007 implementation update. Recognising there have been many changes to the library services since that time, Members requested a further update – see Annex A.

### **Forthcoming Explore Vision and Community Consultation**

4. In addition, Members requested a copy of the documentation associated with the forthcoming Explore Vision and Community Consultation. The Head of Libraries & Heritage has provided this, and will be present at this meeting to answer any questions arising - see Annexes B & B1.

## Options

5. Having considered the information provided, Members may choose whether or not they wish to proceed with the proposed scrutiny review on 'Making local libraries work for communities'.
6. If a decision is taken to proceed, Members will need to agree a remit for the review and a timeframe for its completion.

## Council Plan 2011-15

7. Any review of Libraries would support the Council Plan aim to build strong communities as it is recognised that strong communities are the foundation of a thriving city. Through its libraries, the Council provides ways for residents to interact with the council using new technologies which in turn improves communications. The Council also aims to improve access to the city's leisure and culture services.

## Implications

8. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or Other implications associated with this report.

## Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

## Recommendations

10. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree a way forward on the proposed scrutiny review on 'Making local libraries work for communities'.

Reason: To progress the work of this Overview & Scrutiny Committee in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols.

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**



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**Background Papers:** None

**Annex A** – Update on Previous Libraries Scrutiny Review

**Annexes B & B1** – Forthcoming Public Consultation Documentation