

Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026 Update

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Report to: People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

In September 2021 and March 2022, the Committee was consulted on the development of Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026 Plan (see Background below). This is the requested follow-up and update.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider:

- (i) **The attached update; and**
- (ii) **Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions**

3. Background

- 3.1 On 9 September 2021 the Committee discussed future ambitions for the library service ahead of public engagement sessions and a public consultation on the draft future strategy starting in October 2021. A link to the minutes is [here](#) and a link to the meeting documents is [here](#).
- 3.2 On 10 March 2022 the Committee discussed the consultation and engagement undertaken, the outcomes from the consultation, and the development of the Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026 Plan (the Plan). It was agreed that there would be a further update with a more detailed implementation plan in due course. A link to the minutes is [here](#) and a link to the meeting documents is [here](#).
- 3.3 The development of the Plan overlaps with the remit of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee and colleagues from that committee have been invited to both the previous above referenced sessions and also to the session today (11 January 2023) to participate in discussion and identify any aspects they may wish to follow up on within their own committee at

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a later date.

4. Update and Next Steps

The update is attached in the Appendix to this report. Next steps are as proposed under Action Required.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

County Councillor Louise McKinlay, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance

Suzanna Shaw - Director of Customer Services

Juliet Pirez - Head of Libraries

5 Appendix

Power Point Briefing Paper: Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026: dated 11 January 2023 and authored by County Councillor Louise McKinlay, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance and Juliet Pirez - Head of Libraries