

**Overview &
Scrutiny Board
2022**

15th February

Impact of Review of Library Services – Task Group

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor K. May – Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and Strategic Partnerships Councillor P. Thomas - Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	N/A
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Wards Affected	N/A
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	Live independent, active and healthy lives
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to RESOLVE that: -

- 1) The Impact of Review of Library Services – Task Group update report be noted.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.2 The final report of the Impact of Review of Library Services Task Group was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for its consideration on 29th March 2021. The findings of the task group were discussed, and the recommendations agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
- 2.3 Cabinet considered the recommendations made by the task group at its meeting on 15th September 2021. At this meeting, none of the recommendations of the task group were agreed and the Cabinet response was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for their consideration on 18th October 2021. As a result of the response received from Cabinet it was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny

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Board that the Task Group should be re-established in order to look more closely at the Cabinet response with a view to potentially making some amendments to the recommendations. In addition to this, it was agreed that it would be important for the task group to meet with the relevant Portfolio Holders to discuss the Cabinet response.

- 2.4 An initial meeting of the task group was held on 4th November 2021 when potential changes to recommendations were considered, and a further meeting held on 29th November 2021 with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and Strategic Partnerships and former Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Cultural Services and Community Safety in attendance. At this meeting each recommendation was discussed in turn and information provided as to the rationale behind the Cabinet response. The potential amendments to the wording of the recommendations were also considered.
- 2.5 The final meeting of the task group was held on 20th January 2022. Members agreed that the investigation had been useful as it had helped to clarify the impact of the Library Service Review in the community and raised awareness of this review for the benefit of local residents of the District. However, Members agreed that no amendments to the recommendations should be made. The Chairman therefore proposed that this would conclude the Impact of Review of Library Services Task Group and thanked Members for their time in carrying out a detailed investigation.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 5.1 There are no Strategic Purposes implications associated with this report.

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Climate Change Implications

- 5.2 There are no Climate Change implications associated with this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.1 There are no Equalities and Diversity implications associated with this report.

Operational Implications

- 6.2 There are no operational implications associated with report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risks associated with report.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers

The final report of the Impact of Review of Library Services Task Group published in March 2021.

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9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	N/A	N/A
Lead Director / Head of Service	Kevin Dicks, Sue Hanley and James Howse	1/02/2022
Financial Services	N/A	N/A
Legal Services	N/A	N/A