

FUTURE LIBRARY SERVICES

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 As part of scrutiny's ongoing involvement in the review of Future Library Services, the Scrutiny Committee will be consulted on the report to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting of 19 June 2013.
- 1.2 The report (**copy to follow**) will provide the Scrutiny Committee with:-
- (a) the results of the consultation programme for Library Services;
 - (b) the proposed future service model which includes the consultation results, the vision for library services and the efficiencies to be realised; and
 - (c) the approach to the next stage of consultation on the proposed model and timeline for implementation.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Committee will receive the report in advance of its meeting on 13 June, following the publishing of the Cabinet agenda on 11 June 2013.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 13 March 2013, the Scrutiny Committee was informed of the review of library provision in Sunderland, including details of the extensive two stage consultation and engagement programme being undertaken.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Committee commissioned the Public Health, Wellness and Culture Scrutiny Panel to be consulted on the Future Library Service on its behalf. At its meeting of 13 May, the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the findings and recommendations of the Panel in full.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Substantial consultation and engagement has been undertaken with all stakeholders about the types of neighbourhood and overall provision that best suit their needs. A two stage consultation approach has been adopted with residents (including children and young people), users and non-users, staff, partners, voluntary and community groups and members. The first stage of consultation is now closed and the results have been used to inform the proposed model for library services.
- 3.2 Cabinet will consider the results of the consultation, the proposed model for library services, and the next stage of consultation at its meeting of 19 June 2013.

