

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PEOPLE SERVICES**

**CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF LIBRARY SERVICES**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide Scrutiny Committee with a presentation regarding the first phase of consultation on the future delivery of library services, which builds upon the vision and principles in the review which was concluded in 2013.
- 1.2 To note that following the end of the consultation period, a report will be provided to Scrutiny Committee on 8 November which sets out the outcomes from the consultation and will allow Members to inform the recommendations on the future delivery of library services prior to submission to Cabinet on 14 December.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 A comprehensive review and consultation on library services was carried out in October 2013, which resulted in a new Library Services model being agreed by Cabinet.
- 2.2 The vision for the delivery of services was to modernise the library offer, extending the reach of services and making them more accessible to a wider range of residents in the city using both a technology offer and a reduced static provision.
- 2.3 It was agreed that a review of the new model would be undertaken after 12 months to understand the impact of the changes.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 As there continues to be financial pressures on the Council, a number of reductions across a range of services has been agreed for 2016/17 and beyond. This includes a reduction to the budget to deliver Library Services across the city.
- 3.2 At Cabinet on 20 July 2016, it was agreed that a consultation exercise be undertaken to inform how the public access library services in their broadest definition. The consultation will also capture potential organisations who may wish to support the library offer; and also how we might increase income to support continued delivery of the service.

**4 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the presentation and agree to receive a further report on the consultation outcomes at its November meeting.