



**Communities Scrutiny Board
26 November 2018**

ITEM 8

Report sponsor: Claire Davenport, Director of Leisure, Culture and Tourism
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Libraries Strategic Review update

Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Communities Scrutiny Board of the latest position on the Libraries Strategic Review.

Recommendation

- 2.1 The Communities Scrutiny Board members are requested to note the information detailed within the report.

Reason

- 3.1 This report contains the information requested by the Communities Scrutiny Board in order that the members can be updated with the latest position on the project.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Option B+ was approved as the future model for the delivery of library services by Council Cabinet on 12 July 2017.
- 4.2 It was approved that five Libraries were to constitute the Council's statutory service.
- 4.3 A Management Agreement was reached with Direct Help and Advice (DHA) to run ten Libraries as Community Managed Libraries.
- 4.4 Formal Consultation on the proposed new staffing structure, which reflected the shape of the new library service, was completed on 7 June 2018. Further implementation of this has been paused pending the outcome of a review of the Community Managed Implementation Plan having a regrettable impact on staff within the service.
- 4.5 Sinfin, Spondon and Allestree Libraries were successfully transferred to DHA by July 2018.

- 4.6 A review of the Community Managed Implementation Plan was undertaken by 20 August 2018 and the information collated is being used to assess the next steps for the project.
- 4.7 Core elements of the Central Library service relocated to the Council House and as such the Central Library was closed on 9 June 2018. The new Riverside Library successfully opened at the Council House on 2 July 2018.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Extensive public consultation was undertaken on the options for the future model for the delivery of Library Services in Derby.

Other options

- 6.1 None applicable to this report.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The Libraries Strategic Review is required to make a total saving of £673,000, £336,000 in 2018/19 and £337,000 in 2019/20. As reported at Quarter 2, the delay to the implementation of the Community Managed Library plan is showing a forecasted overspend of £244,000 in 2018/19.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None arising from this report

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor	Claire Davenport – Director of Leisure, Culture & Tourism	16 November 2018

Other(s)
