

20 July 2017**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, COMMISSIONING, RESOURCES
AND CULTURE****RAINWORTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the co-location of Rainworth Library into the Rainworth Village Hall building in Rainworth and the development of a community partnership library.

Information and Advice**Context**

2. The Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries outlines priorities for the service for 2012 - 2022. The strategy has key pledges including:
 - putting libraries at the heart of communities
 - libraries being where people live
 - increasing community involvement.
3. Community partnership libraries (CPLs) are a form of community managed libraries delivered through partnership with local bodies and groups to support the continuing sustainability of local library services.
4. The business case approved by Full Council in February 2014 identified the development of CPLs as making a contribution to the £1m savings identified at that point for the Libraries, Archives and Information Group of Services.
5. Rainworth is one of the 28 level 3 libraries in Nottinghamshire. Visitors last year amounted to 8,611 with over 9,885 books and other items being issued.
6. The library is currently leased from the NHS Primary HealthCare Trust. The current lease has expired and notice to quit given as the rent has risen from a peppercorn to £43,000 per annum. This increase has provided the impetus and opportunity to develop a Community Partnership Library in alternative accommodation.
7. The Rainworth Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to host the library in a room within the Phoenix Suite of the Village Hall. This will provide a sustainable option allowing for community facilities, including a Police Surgery and the Parish Council to be located within one community building.

8. Inspire will pay an annual service charge of approximately £2,000 per annum and enter a service level agreement with the Management Committee to reflect both parties' responsibilities. Rainworth Village Hall Management Committee will recruit and organise volunteers to cover day to day transactional operations within the library.

Other Options Considered

9. After looking at alternative locations, it was concluded that this location is the most suitable community based venue for the delivery of the service.
10. The option not to co-locate was considered. This however would prevent achieving a reduction in ongoing running costs.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. The proposed partnership builds on the work undertaken by the Rainworth Village Hall Management Committee and has been developed in liaison with and support of the local community. It is a sustainable model for delivery of accessible library services in Rainworth.
12. This re-location allows for future development of volunteering and greater partnership working.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. The successful development of CPLs will contribute towards the £1m savings required as set out in Outline Business Case B13.
15. Capital investment requirements are included within the Council's capital programme.
16. The recommendation is estimated to save premises related revenue costs of around £41,000 per annum and staff related costs of around £12,500 per annum.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the co-location of Rainworth Library into the Rainworth Village Hall building in Rainworth and development of Rainworth Library as a community partnership library be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 27/06/17)

17. The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Communities and Place Committee.

Financial Comments (SAS 28/06/17)

18. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraphs 14 to 16 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Annual Budget 2014/15 – report to Full Council on 27 February 2014

Update on the development of Community Partnership Libraries – reports to Culture Committee on 3 June 2014, 22 September 2015 and 6 September 2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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