

**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

**LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES CAPITAL MODERNISATION PROJECTS**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Members on scheduled capital modernisation developments across the Libraries, Archives, Information and Learning Service.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Library service has an overall aim to 'be a library and information service at the heart of Nottinghamshire communities and community life'.
3. The County Council has a statutory duty to provide a comprehensive and efficient public library service. The County Council maintains an extensive network of libraries and specialist mobile vehicles.
4. The ongoing modernisation programme capital budget allows the service to meet current and future customer needs. The improved accessibility and sustainability of library buildings alongside the creation of inspiring cultural and community spaces allows the service to fulfil its overall purpose.
5. The customer centred design of public spaces includes imaginative presentation of library stock and the increased use of information technology to both assist the customer and provide access to information.
6. Nottinghamshire has had a national reputation for its development of library spaces for many years. The programme of investment results in increased use of library and related services and thus increased benefits to the community and individuals.
7. The 'Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries' includes within its 10 point action plan two key actions relating to the Service's properties:-
  - investing, developing and remodelling the library network
  - locating library services in the best location for local community and library users
8. The Nottinghamshire Archives development plan, approved in October 2012, highlighted the importance of the specialist nature of the accommodation required to provide a 'proper place' of deposit for public records.

9. A capital scheme to extend the life of the archives building for the next 20 years and renew specialist building systems is underway and will be completed in Spring 2015.
10. The information below sets out a schedule of all planned and approved budgeted schemes. This amounts to a planned libraries modernisation programme of £2.985m between 2014 and 2018:

**Newark Library - £220,000:** project completed and library reopened May 2014

**Annesley Woodhouse Library - £135,000:** to co locate the library into an extended Acacia Avenue Community Centre. Contractor tender - Autumn/Winter 2014

**Bingham Library - £540,000:** to extend the library into the current health centre area to meet space requirements, also to include Children's Centre provision. Works underway due for completion November 2014

**Arnold Library - £280,000:** to undertake planned maintenance works and modernisation of library - Spring 2015

**Beeston Library - £470,000:** reconfiguration, improved meeting/exhibition space and refurbishment Spring/Summer 2016

**Retford Library - £200,000:** reconfiguration and replacement of shelving – Autumn 2016

**Mansfield Woodhouse £80,000:** 'make over' and reconfiguration - Winter 2016

**2017/18 – allocation £660,000:**

**Ollerton** - make-over

**Keyworth** - make-over

**Ravenshead** - make-over and relocate children's library downstairs

**Edwinstowe** - make-over

**Ruddington** - make-over

11. Investment required to develop community partnership libraries, upgrade the library computer system and invest in new technology will be undertaken. This investment is estimated to be £400,000 between 2014 and 2018.
12. Additional works may be undertaken as investment through planned maintenance allocations, opportunities to co locate with other services and when grant funding becomes available. In order to ensure best value and reduced service disruption, time lines are subject to change depending on opportunities to maximise available resources.
13. Since 2006 there have been ongoing modernisation projects undertaken to ensure the service meets needs of customers and local communities. Appendix 1 is an audit of significant projects undertaken.

### **Other Options Considered**

14. Selection of sites is based on an assessment of the suitability and sustainability criteria followed in the overall property strategy for the County Council. This includes factors such as accessibility, location, co-location, sector standards and changing needs of customers and services.

15. A re-assessment of requirements was undertaken during winter 2013 to realign the programme to planned maintenance schedules and in order to reduce the overall capital budget requirement.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

16. The report provides a progress report on the implementation of the Cultural Services capital programme.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

17. 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 only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, 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.

### **Implications for Service Users**

18. The investment programme aims to improve facilities and overall service provision for customers. Previous new building and refurbishment projects have resulted in a considerable increase in the up-take of services.

### **Financial Implications**

19. The programme is fully funded within the revenue and capital budgets allocated.

### **Public Sector Equality Duty Implications**

20. Each scheme has an equalities impact assessment developed during the project initiation phase. Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act legislation and consideration of the needs of all users is fundamental to project outcomes.

### **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

21. All schemes aim to provide sustainable buildings to meet current County Council policy.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1). That the Committee notes the update on scheduled capital modernisation developments across the Libraries, Archives, Information and Learning Service.

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**Constitutional Comments**

22. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

**Financial Comments (KLA 12/08/14)**

23. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraph 19 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.

A Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries – report to County Council 15 December 2011  
Nottinghamshire Archives and Records Management Development Plan – report to Culture Committee on 30 October 2012

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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## Audit of library modernisation projects since 2006

Library	Description of works	Year
Southwell	New Library – part of Bramley Centre	2006
Forest Town	Refurbishment - partial	2006
Carlton Hill	Refurbishment - partial	2006
Kirkby in Ashfield	Refurbishment - make over	2006
Balderton	Refurbishment	2006
Bircotes	Refurbishment	2006
Toton	Refurbishment	2006
Sutton in Ashfield	Refurbishment - full capital scheme	2007
Rainworth	New Library - part of new health centre scheme	2007
Collingham	Refurbishment - partial	2007
Edgewood	Refurbishment - partial due to school project	2007
Radcliffe on Trent	Refurbishment - full	2007
Carlton	Refurbishment - full	2008
Eastwood	Refurbishment - full	2008
Carlton in Lindrick	Refurbishment - full	2008
Mapperley	Refurbishment and extension to meet DDA	2008
Cotgrave	Refurbishment - full	2008
Clipstone	Refurbishment - full	2008
Kimberley	Refurbishment - full	2008
Warsop	Refurbishment - full	2009
Gotham	Refurbishment - full and relocated within memorial hall	2009
Arnold	Refurbishment - partial including self-service	2010
Hucknall	Refurbishment - partial including self-service	2010
Bingham	Refurbishment - partial including self-service and lighting	2010
Worksop	New Library - part of CHUB capital scheme	2010
Mansfield Central	Refurbishment - full capital scheme	2011
Beeston	Relocating Children's Library downstairs	2012
Calverton	Refurbishment - make over	2012
East Leake	Refurbishment - full	2013
West Bridgford	Refurbishment - full capital scheme	2013
Stapleford	Refurbishment - full	2013
Newark	Refurbishment - full	2014
Bingham	Refurbishment - full capital scheme inc Children's Centre	2014

In addition the following libraries had investment to install self-service, including new carpeting, revised layout, signage/graphic and stock categorisation during 2011:-

Balderton, Bircotes, Burton Joyce, Collingham, Cotgrave, Edwinstowe, Farnsfield, Ladybrook, Mansfield Woodhouse, Ollerton, Retford, Skegby, Toton, Warsop, Woodthorpe

The following non self-service sites – were categorised and re-guided during 2012:

Balmoral, Bilsthorpe, Blidworth, Carlton Hill, Carlton in Lindrick, Clipstone, Edgewood, Gedling Inham Nook, Jacksdale, Kimberley, Langold, Lowdham, Mapperley, Selston, Sutton Bonington, Sutton-on-Trent and Tuxford