

22 June 2017

Agenda Item: 9

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, COMMISSIONING, RESOURCES
AND CULTURE**

**SELSTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LIBRARY – PROPOSED
RELOCATION**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee approval for the development of Selston Library as a community partnership library, subject to completion of the necessary service level agreement.

Information and Advice

2. The business case approved by Full Council in February 2014 identified the development of community partnership libraries (CPLs) as making a contribution to the £1m savings identified at that point for the Libraries, Archives and Information Group of Services.
3. 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 Council's 'Redefining Your Council' strategic vision re-affirmed the Council's approach to the development of community partnerships to ensure a sustainable network of libraries, without the threat of closure. The approach is a voluntary involvement of communities in the creation of bespoke partnerships to ensure and embed the sustainability of small community libraries.
5. Selston Library is located adjacent to Selston High School, being one of the 28 Level 3 libraries in Nottinghamshire. In 2015/16, visits were 13,175 with 19,285 books and other items borrowed from the library.
6. The Library Service is in discussions with the nearby Tin Hat Centre to re-locate Selston Library into a space on the ground floor of their building. In addition to creating a more sustainable financial basis for Selston Library, the move would offer the opportunity for longer library opening hours and potentially extend the services offered by the library. The library would share the same building as the children's centre, an IT suite and café, bringing the opportunity to offer a range of learning opportunities and other community activities. The current Selston Library building will revert to the Academy when vacated by Inspire.
7. A service level agreement will be drawn up between Inspire and the Tin Hat Centre to reflect both parties' responsibilities and any necessary changes to the lease.

Other Options Considered

8. No viable alternative locations for a library in Selston are currently available and it was concluded the Tin Hat Centre is most suited to delivery of the service.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The proposed partnership in Selston builds on positive dialogue with the Tin Hat Centre. It is a sustainable model for delivery of accessible library services in Selston.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. The successful development of CPLs will contribute towards the £1M savings required as set out in Outline Business Case B13.
12. Capital investment requirements are included within the Council's capital programme.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the development of Selston Library as a Community Partnership Library be approved, subject to completion of the necessary service level agreement.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 27/03/17)

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

Financial Comments (SS 30/03/17)

14. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraphs 11 and 12 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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