

Appendix A— Inspire Key Service Area Actions 2024/2025

This appendix below outlines Inspire’s six key service area actions for 2024/2025.

1. Public Libraries

- Childrens Offer - maintain and develop programmes aimed at children and young people; for example, Bookstart, Summer Reading Challenge, and continue to work with Early Years services, family hubs and schools across the county.
- Eastwood, Kirkby and Stapleford Libraries – community outreach and learning centre development.
- Home Library Service - promote and extend the reach of the service.
- Library management system - implement a replacement system ensuring improved access and functionality in resource location, borrowing and stock management.
- Mobile library service review to ensure routes and stops are still fit for purpose.
- Newark Library heating and ventilation replacement project to improving energy efficiency and site useability.
- Sutton Library refurbishment and development of an innovation centre.
- Village Hubs project – complete works at Langold Library and undertake grant funded works at Hucknall Library if award is made.
- Virtual tours of larger sites – through an external funding award the service will create state of the art tours of libraries to improve access to services.
- Volunteering – Increase the level of community engagement through the ‘community makers’ programme.
- West Bridgford Library – potential colocation of Rushcliffe Borough Council customer contact service.

2. Adult Learning and College Programme

- Adult learning opportunities to be expanded at Eastwood, Kirkby, Newark, Stapleford and Sutton outside of core hours.
- Business and skills - In partnership with the British Library and Nottingham City Libraries provide a business support and advisor service to support new business and skills development.
- Learning Centre for adults and young people established at High Pavement building Sutton in Ashfield, delivering hospitality and construction vocational modules.
- Multiply (adult numeracy) – deliver year 3 programme on behalf of the County Council.

3. Archives and Heritage

- Byron Anniversary - support initiatives to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Byron’s death.
- Digitisation of local history and archive resources through grant funding from the national archives.
- Pride in Our Place – UKSPF funded project to work with Bircotes and Harworth adults looking at heritage photos and map based creative work with local school resulting in a combined in a touring exhibition.

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4. Organisation Standards and Accreditation

- Customer Service Excellence – complete full accreditation renewal.
- Library Service Accreditation – complete and gain accreditation in the first phase of the national programme.
- MATRIX – complete full reaccreditation for Information, Advice and Guidance services.

5. Arts, Culture and Community

- Arts Council England national portfolio organisation programme of cultural and creative programmes for children and young people.
- 'Beyond the Baseline in 24' 'Black British Music Exhibition in partnership with the British Library.
- Community makers.
- I am a Writer – NPO project started this year and continuing next. Writers working with Older Adults, those living with memory loss and neurodiverse.
- Knitting Challenge 2024 in partnership with ABL Health.
- Youth Arts Able Orchestra ACE funded project delivery.

6. Music Services

- Horizons Project working with partners Orchestra Live, community schools' music project, with Sinfonia Viva, Ollerton and Bassetlaw Summer Term.
- Inspire Junior Orchestra.
- Mish Mash: Musicians residence.
- Mish Mash Productions: training project for early career professional musicians
- Open Voices SEND Inclusive Vocal/music workshops, weekly term time, delivered in partnership with Music for Everyone
- World Music Day - Celebration of cultural diversity within our communities - Summer