

6 June 2019

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

EAST LEAKE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the development of a partnership library in East Leake between Inspire and Rushcliffe Brough Council within the existing library building.

Information and Advice

Context

2. The County Council Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries outlines priorities for the service for 2012 - 2022.
3. The strategy has key pledges including:
 - putting libraries at the heart of communities
 - libraries being where people live
 - increasing community involvement.
4. Community partnership libraries (CPLs) are a form of community libraries delivered through partnership with local bodies and groups to support the continuing sustainability of local library services across Nottinghamshire.
5. The business case approved by Full Council in February 2014 identified the development of CPLs as contributing to the £1m savings identified at that point for the Libraries, Archives and Information Group of Services.
5. East Leake is one of 20 level 2 libraries in Nottinghamshire. Visitors last year amounted to over 30,000 with over 50,000 books and other items being issued. The library is open 27 hours a week.
6. The library is well situated next to the health centre in Gotham road.
7. Rushcliffe Borough Council customers services provide residents with face to face contact point for Borough services and a range of other service providers including Nottinghamshire County Council.

8. The library partnership will allow costs to be shared and increase access to library services through increased opening hours and allows for greater use of the library space by the community.
9. The County Council remains the library authority, delivering through its contractual agreement with Inspire (Culture, Learning and Libraries).
10. The partnership will be subject to a property and services agreement with Inspire, approved by the County Council.

Other Options Considered

11. After looking at alternative locations, it was concluded that this location is the most suitable community-based venue for the delivery of the service.
12. The option not to co-locate was considered.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

13. The proposed partnership reduces costs and increases access to the local community.
14. This co-location allows for future development of volunteering and greater partnership working.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance 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, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

16. The successful development of a CPL at East Leake will contribute towards the ongoing sustainability of the service by increasing opening hours with no additional costs.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1) That the co-location of the East Leake Rushcliffe Borough Council contact point to the East Leake Library building as a community partnership library be approved subject to appropriate property arrangements being approved by Policy Committee.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 12/04/19)

17. Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate Committee to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 08/05/19)

18. The successful development of a CPL at East Leake will reduce the costs to Inspire and therefore contribute towards the ongoing sustainability of the service.

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, December 2012
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/policy-library/38835/libraries-strategy>

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

Councillors Reg Adair and Andrew Brown Leake and Ruddington