

REPORT TO: Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 19th February 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community and Sport

SUBJECT: Library Service

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Library Strategy and Development Manager will be in attendance at this meeting and will make a presentation to Members of the Board providing an overview of the activities undertaken by the library service over the past 12 months and discuss the proposed Library Service Strategy.

The proposed Library Service Strategy is attached.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the Board approves the strategy; and**
- 2) the report be noted.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Library service activity supports the delivery of the Library Service Strategy.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications contained in this report. The activities undertaken have been done within existing business provision.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Library service strategy supports children and young people through a variety of reading activities, a class visit programme, story sessions, learning activities and a volunteer programme.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Library service strategy supports employment, learning and skills through the provision of public access computers and free Wi-Fi in all libraries, support for people getting online, support for job seekers, and access to resources for those learning new skills.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Library service strategy supports health through the provision of venues from which to deliver health and wellbeing events, Books on Prescription & Mood Boosting collections in all libraries, reminiscence work in the community using Memory Boxes, partnerships with local groups, development of the Community Library Service, and all library staff are trained as Dementia Friends.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None at present.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

The service is open and accessible to all Halton residents.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.