

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

DATE: 16 November 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Community and
Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community and Sport

SUBJECT: Library Service

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update Members on the new library service, following the implementation of the Efficiency Review findings in April 2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Detail of report contained in attached power point.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All content supports the delivery of the Library Service Strategy.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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, 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.