

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee:</b>	Culture and Communities Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	8 May 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Future Development of the Library and Information Service – Task and Finish Group
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## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. The current Vision and Strategy for the Library and Information Service (LIS) covers the 2009-2014 period and therefore runs out at the end of this year. Work needs to start now on developing a new Vision and Strategy for the Service, setting out priorities for the next five years.
- 1.2. It is proposed to set up a Task and Finish Group to work with Officers on this important document.

## **2. Background**

2.1. Hampshire's LIS is one of the biggest services in the country with:-

- 48 libraries
- 3 Discovery Centres
- 3 community run libraries
- 4 mobile library vehicles
- Over 6 million visits in 2013-14 and 6.9 million issues of books and other resources
- Over 600 staff, 428.6 full-time equivalent
- Budget of £12.97 million for 2014-15

## **3. Task and Finish Group**

- 3.1. It is suggested that a small Task and Finish Group (7 maximum) is set up by the Culture and Communities Select Committee to work with Officers to develop a new Vision and Strategy 2015-20 for LIS. The Group would need

to be proportionately constituted and its proposed Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 1.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1. That the Culture and Communities Select Committee set up a Task and Finish Group with the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

No Impact Assessment has been prepared for the setting up of this Group. However, any decisions taken following the recommendations of the Group will be undertaken subject to the usual Impact Assessments.

## **Culture and Communities Task and Finish Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Culture and Communities Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee has established a Task and Finish Group to work with Officers on the development of a Vision and Strategy 2015-2020 for the Library and Information Service.

#### **2. Membership**

The Culture and Communities Task and Finish Group shall comprise up to 7 members of the Culture and Communities Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee appointed on a proportional basis.

#### **3. Chairman**

The Chairman of the Culture and Communities Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee shall be the Chairman of the Culture and Communities Task and Finish Group.

#### **4. Objectives**

- To produce a draft Vision and Strategy 2015-2020, by early 2015, to be considered by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside.
- To identify factors considered to be key to good performance, including library performance and library location and access.
- To ensure an excellent and sustainable LIS in the future.

#### **5. Scope**

The focus of the work will be to determine what constitutes an 'efficient and effective' Library Service in the 21st century. Whilst nothing is 'off limits', the Group needs to be pragmatic, quickly 'chase things down' and move on.

The Group will make visits to libraries in Hampshire and outside too. If appropriate, outside stakeholders may be asked to meet with the Group.