
Community Services & Library Needs Assessment: Engagement Reports

Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission

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Lead director: Sean Atterbury

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Summary

1.1 A presentation is appended outlining the results of the public engagement work in 2023 and the secondary research undertaken in 2024 as part of the Community Service Services and Library Needs Assessment

2. Recommended actions

2.1 Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission is recommended to note the summary to the Community Service Services and Library Needs Assessment.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

3.1 A presentation is appended outlining the public engagement exercise undertaken as the first stage of the Community Services and Library Needs Assessment.

5. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Finance will provide support to assess the financial impact of any future proposals to reconfigure the service.

Signed: Stuart McAvoy

Dated: 13.02.2025

5.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Engagement/evidence gathering has been a planned step in developing an understanding of need, and legal advice continues to be provided regarding the appropriate interface with the public as proposals develop.

Signed: K Adatia

Dated: 12.02.2025

5.3 Equalities implications

There are no direct equality implications arising from this report. An Equality Impact Assessment is being undertaken as part of the ongoing work on the assessment.

Signed: Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer

Dated: 12 February 2025

5.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are no climate emergency implications arising directly from this report. However, members of Scrutiny should note the positive impacts that libraries and community centres can bring in terms of raising public awareness about climate change, including actions they can take to help tackle it. This includes borrowing books from their local library to avoid having to buy their own copy of books, which reduces the use of natural resources and the attendant carbon emissions from the manufacturing of new books.

The climate impact of providing neighbourhood services can be minimised by seeking to make the buildings as energy efficient and low carbon as possible, and by making sure that facilities are accessible without having to drive to them.

Signed: Duncan Bell

Dated: 17/02/2025

5.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

6. Background information and other papers:

- CSLNA Public Engagement Report
[public-engagement-report.pdf](#)
- CSLNA Secondary research report
[Modern Annual Report](#)

7. Summary of appendices:

- Presentation: CSLNA Engagement Reports February 2025