



AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

HENBURY & SOUTHMEAD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Introducing BCC's Libraries for the Future Conversation

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1. Background

The consultation on the future of Bristol's Libraries started 11 November 2014 and runs until 2 February 2015. The consultation is to enable the residents to have their say on the future design of the city's libraries.

Although Bristol libraries are well loved and highly valued only 6% of residents use them so there is a need to see what can be done to make them more useful and relevant. This discussion is framed by the proposed reduction in the library service budget of £1.1 million by 2016/17.

Bristol City Council would like your ideas and suggestions on the future of the library service including how to develop improved flexible, modern spaces for communities to learn and socialise in.

At this stage there are no proposals on what could or should happen to libraries and no decisions have been made to that end.

2. How to get involved?

The BCC website has information about the current library service and plenty of inspiration from other cities to help stimulate ideas.

Visit www.bristolfuturelibraries.co.uk for more information on the consultation and to take part in the survey.

There will be meetings held at libraries and Neighbourhood Forums throughout the city. Details are available on the website and also in each library.

There are a number of two formal A&K specific library consultations:

DATE	MONTH	TIME	VENUE	NH FORUM / LIB CONSULT
Tues 18th	Nov	18.00 – 20.00	Henbury Centre, Machin Road, Henbury	N'Hood Forum
Thu 20	Nov	18:30 - 20:30	URC, Wigton Crescent, Southmead	N'Hood Forum
Tue 2	Dec	14:00 - 16:00	Southmead Library, Greystoke Avenue, Southmead, BS10 6AS	Library Consultation
Tue 9	Dec	19.00 - 21.00	The Greenway Centre, Southmead	N'Hood Partnership
Wed 10	Dec	10:00 - 12:00	Henbury Library, Crow Lane, BS10 7DR	Library Consultation

What happens next?

When the consultation ends the feedback will be used to shape option based proposals which will be discussed at Cabinet in March 2015. Phase 2 of the consultation based on options will run until May 2015 with the final plan for the library service agreed in June 2015.

What we would like the Neighbourhood Partnership to do?

- Consider the future of libraries in the NP area.
- Get involved in the formal public consultation