

**Cabinet Report**  
**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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| <b>Title:</b> Conclusions of the Libraries Task and Finish Group |
| <b>Author:</b> Libraries Task and Finish Group                   |
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| <p><b>Purpose of Report:</b> The Libraries Task and Finish Group finished its work in October 2017. Its report setting out its conclusions was approved and adopted by OSMB on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. The report was also sent to departmental officers at an early stage, to ensure that the recommendations of the Task and finish Group could be taken account of in the preparation of Cabinet proposals. The report is now being brought to the attention of Cabinet for a formal response.</p> <p>The proposals for the Library Service can be found elsewhere on this agenda.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Libraries Task and Finish Group have requested that a formal response to the 7 “key conclusions” in the report is provided.</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Benefits:</b> The Task and Finish Group believes that the conclusions outlined in this report would enable the interim preservation of a greater part of the Library Service than would otherwise survive, with consequent benefits for a larger number of Bristol residents. It also considers that the pursuit of an alternative vehicle for service delivery represents the best opportunity of “future-proofing” library services given the likelihood of ongoing budget pressures in future years.</p> |
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| <p><b>Consultation Details:</b> This report was produced in part as a response to a previous public consultation. It was produced by a cross party group of members who also took into consideration the outcomes of the public consultation and the issues raised by the ongoing public petitions concerning libraries.</p> |
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| <i>Appendix A</i> – Report - Conclusions of the Libraries Task and Finish Group                                                                                    | YES |
| <i>Appendix B</i> – Summary of engagement with scrutiny: Extract of minute from meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017 | YES |