

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

8th March 2018



Report of: Councillor Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Communities (Public Health, Public Transport, Libraries, Parks, Events and Equalities)

Title: Update on the Review of the Library Service

Ward: City Wide

Councillor Presenting Report: Councillor Asher Craig,

Update on the Review of the Library Service;

1. Mutual Ventures – Alternative Delivery Models Options Appraisal

Mutual ventures report is due at the beginning of April and will give a high level options appraisal of a variety of Alternative Delivery Models which may be suitable for Bristol. This is very early work that may lead to a business case and then a business plan. The report will be considered by Cllr Craig and the Executive initially and then passed for discussion to the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group. This will be an internal document and not published.

2. Community Offer

In parallel, the libraries service is examining more detailed community offers for libraries not in the core statutory service. This takes into consideration the feedback in the consultation Your Neighbourhoods, the work of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, feedback from the Executive.

3. Timescales

There is no current cabinet date or timeline. We are aiming to go to cabinet with a proposal Summer 2018 (June – Sept). However this depends on agreement on the proposal and financing and advice from Legal on whether re consultation is necessary.

