

**Question: PQ10.01&02**

**Cabinet – 22 June 2021**

**Re: Agenda item 11 – New Regeneration Service & Funding**

**Questions submitted by: Lloyd Roberts**

A) We note the proposal to cut the Bristol Library Book Fund budget by £30,000 per annum and to use this amount as part of the funding for the new Regeneration Service.

What is the current annual Library Book Fund by category ( Books, eBooks, Newspapers, on-line services etc ) and which areas will be impacted by this cut?

B) What further cuts are planned to the Bristol Library budget?

**Suggested points to be used by the Mayor / Cabinet Member in verbally replying to the question at the meeting** (prepared by: Kate Murray, Head of Libraries)

1. This is the estimated spend for the financial year 21/22. This is subject to change throughout the year.

<b>Core Adult Book &amp; Language Stock</b>	
Adult Fiction citywide	<b>100000</b>
Fastbacks & Lending standing orders	<b>15,000</b>
Adult Lending Non-fiction citywide	<b>60000</b>
Adult Reference hard copy material	<b>15000</b>
Large Print	<b>5000</b>
Spoken Word	<b>37045</b>
Ethnic Language, BME, Community, European	<b>3000</b>
Language courses	<b>1000</b>
Local citywide lending and reference	<b>4000</b>
<b>Core Adult Book &amp; Language Stock</b>	<b>240045</b>
<b>Children's &amp; Teen</b>	
Children's & Teen book stock citywide	<b>105000</b>
Children's spoken word	<b>6000</b>
<b>Children's &amp; Teen</b>	<b>111000</b>
<b>Electronic Resources</b>	
Electronic Reference Resources citywide	<b>50000</b>
Press Reader	<b>12000</b>
Overdrive COMICS	<b>3116</b>

Overdrive ebooks	<b>17500</b>
Downloadable Audio (BOLINDA)	<b>30000</b>
Extra E purchase Bristol only	<b>5000</b>
E Books -Biblioteca (Cloud Library)	<b>14000</b>
E Magazines - RB Digital	<b>3839</b>
<b>Electronic Resources</b>	<b>135455</b>
<b>AV</b>	
DVD citywide	<b>12000</b>
<b>AV TOTAL</b>	<b>12000</b>
<b>Other materials &amp; costs</b>	
Newspapers & periodicals – Central	<b>5000</b>
Newspapers & periodicals – Branches	<b>12000</b>
Microfilming	<b>15000</b>
Reading Promotion (Stock element)	<b>0</b>
<b>Other materials &amp; costs</b>	<b>32000</b>
<b>Support costs</b>	
Coll HQ subscription	<b>14500</b>
Support services charges	<b>5000</b>
<b>Support costs</b>	<b>19500</b>
<b>Unallocated – for targeted work</b>	
Budget reduction agreed	<b>20000</b>
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>570000</b>
<b>Budget allocated</b>	<b>570000</b>

1. No particular areas will be affected; it will be a cross budget reduction affecting all areas proportionately.
2. No further cuts are planned to the Bristol Library budget