

REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	24 February 2015
Subject:	Draft Scope for Scrutiny Review of Libraries
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	Community Health and Wellbeing: Policy Lead – Councillor Chris Mote Performance Lead – Councillor Kiran Ramchandani
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Draft scope for Scrutiny Review of Libraries

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the draft scope for the scrutiny review of libraries.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- Consider and agree the scope for the review.

Section 2 – Report

The Scrutiny Leadership Group asked that a scrutiny review of libraries form part of the scrutiny work programme for 2014/2015. Colleagues at Ealing Council had also raised the wish to conduct a joint scrutiny review of the contract and performance of library services that Ealing Council and Harrow Council share with Carillion Integrated Services. The 5-year contract with Carillion commenced in September 2013.

The main objective of the review will be twofold: to examine with Ealing current performance of libraries, as provided by Carillion, and to consider issues specific to Harrow following consultation on proposed service changes and the development of the library strategy.

The review is to be chaired by Councillor Paul Osborn. The joint meeting with Ealing will take place on 4 March at Ealing Town Hall and the Harrow-specific challenge panel is likely to take place the following week.

Financial Implications

The costs of delivering this project will be met from within existing resources.

Performance Issues

There is no specific performance issues associated with this report.

Environmental Impact

There is no specific environmental impact associated with this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are none specific to this report.

Equalities Implications

The review will consider during the course of its work, how equality implications have been taken into account in current policy and practice and consider the possible implications of any changes it recommends.

Council Priorities

- Making a difference for communities

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Statutory clearances not required.

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Ward Councillors notified:	N/A
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

- Scope for the Scrutiny Review of Libraries