

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	The Executive Committee
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Subject:	Update on the Isle of Anglesey Library Service Transformation Plan.
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Local Members:	Relevant to all Members

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p>1. Purpose The purpose of this paper is to update the Executive Committee on the Isle of Anglesey Library Service Transformation Plan.</p> <p>2. Introduction As a result of the Corporate Plan and also the needs of the service there was a detailed review in 2014/15 which identified a number of options (8) for the future development of the service.</p> <p>Extensive public consultation took place (October 2015). Almost 2000 responses were received from questionnaires, ‘face to face’ sessions, workshops and street surveys. Although no one option became obvious there was strong support to investigating seeking groups to cooperate with the Council to maintain the service rather than see libraries closed.</p> <p>Three meetings were held in Amlwch, Menai Bridge and Rhosneigr (and also the Llangefni stakeholder’s subgroup) to openly discuss the potential transition process. Following these meetings there have been meetings with: Llanbadrig Community Council (25/5/16), Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf Community Council (25.05.16), Menai Bridge Town Council (19.05.16) and Representatives of Canolfan Beaumaris (19.05.16) Amlwch Town Council (15.06.16) and Beaumaris Town Council (04.07.16); meeting of the 5 Town’s group (15/06/16 and 07/05/16); meeting between the officers and Menter Môn (6/7/16); a meeting between officials of the Library Service and Adult Services (17/06/16); and met with officials from MALD (08/7/16). In addition Officers were invited to attend a public meeting in Menai Bridge which had been organized by the Town Council (18.5.16).</p>

During these meetings a number of opportunities to develop the service by transforming the way the Library Service is delivered were highlighted. Some of the opportunities have been discussed by the Service during the Service Review and the extensive consultation process that took place at the October 2015 term.

3. What is new since Briefing Members 14.07.16?

Work has continued on the Library Service Strategy, modeling and costing of options, taking into account the findings of the public consultation and discussions with interested parties.

The 5 Towns group has commissioned a formal study via Menter Môn to look at the practicalities of providing library service in partnership with the community. This could include the transfer of buildings to third sector organization either in full or on long term leases. The findings of the study will be reported in full when it becomes available.

Mapping and costing of options has been ongoing in order to see the impact on our standards and to assess any impact on the residents of Anglesey.

Commissioned GIS (geographic information system) work by Gwynedd Council, which underpins the above.

An opportunity has arisen to procure a new mobile library which is an opportunity to transform the Mobile Library Service and Housebound Service, by reviewing the schedule and routes, and to ensure that the Library Service is accessible to all. The library van is a vital component to the future strategy of the Library Service.

There is an opportunity for the service to take advantage of the fact that Adult Services is keen to pilot a Community Hub model of which a Library is an integral part.

Initial discussions are also to be held on the possibility of rolling the Cyswllt Môn service out to library buildings.

4. Opportunities arising

An assurance that the Anglesey Library Service provides the best service possible within the resources available.

Potential for communities to be in a strong position to assist the authority to deliver the service in the future.

Opportunity to strengthen the Mobile Service by ensuring that it is more accessible to the residents of Anglesey making better use of assets and staff through a complete review of this element of

service.

The potential to develop a cross department community hub open for longer hours without additional staffing implications for the service (self-service machine when no library staff are present), opportunity to learn from the pilot enabling future planning.

5. Risks to the Project

The timing of the completion of this transformation has slipped further than in April 2017, which was the original target. When discussing with the various communities the main message was that our schedule was not realistic from their point of view. This message is supported by Menter Môn who want to see thorough viability research carried out before communities step forward to take control of assets.

The Executive Committee's attention is drawn to our intention to act in accordance with the following steps:

1. Continue to discuss ways of working with others to offer a focussed and sustainable service including a volunteer contribution model for added value activities
2. Present the Draft Library Service strategy to the Executive Committee in February 2017.
3. Consult on the Draft Strategy in May 2017 following the local election.
4. To report on the Draft Strategy, in light of the public consultation findings, to the Executive Committee in October 2017.
5. Final decision on the strategic direction of the Isle of Anglesey Library Service to be agreed by the Executive Committee in October 2017 following the public consultation.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

N/A

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

Provided for information as requested by the Executive Committee.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

N/A

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?
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N/A

DD – Who did you consult?	What did they say?
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1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Procurement	
8	Scrutiny	
9	Local Members	
10	Any external bodies / other/s	

E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)

1	Economic	
2	Anti-poverty	
3	Crime and Disorder	
4	Environmental	
5	Equalities	
6	Outcome Agreements	
7	Other	

F - Appendices:

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FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):
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