



Derby City Council

**Communities Scrutiny Review Board
26 March 2018**

ITEM 5

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place

Relocation of the Central Library

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Central Library is scheduled to cease operation on 9 June 2018 to enable city centre lending library services to transfer to the new Riverside Library in the Council House. The Riverside Library, which is currently being constructed on the ground floor, is expected to open early in week beginning 2 July.
- 1.2 Derby Museums Trust intend to take over the ground floor of the Central Library while the Silk Mill is being redeveloped as part of the Museum of Making HLF capital project. The Trust expects to begin adapting the library space from July, with a view to commencing its operations there in the autumn.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the key dates relating to the relocation of the Central Library to the new Riverside Library.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To provide an update on progress with a major strand of the Libraries Strategic Review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Riverside Library

- 4.1 In July 2017 Cabinet agreed a new strategy for the Library Service. One element of the strategy is the relocation of city centre lending library services from the Central Library to a new Riverside Library on the ground floor of the Council House.
- 4.2 Work to create the Riverside Library is underway, and is scheduled to be completed in early June. The Central Library is therefore expected to cease operation at 1pm on Saturday, 9 June. Following the relocation of stock and equipment to the Council House, Riverside Library would open early in week beginning 2 July.

- 4.3 Riverside Library will be located towards the rear, and on the right hand side, of the ground floor customer service area (see appendix 2), near the café. An early artist's impression of the entrance to the library, as viewed from the Council House doors, was included in the July 2017 Cabinet report and is reproduced here at appendix 3.
- 4.4 The library will comprise a single open-plan space of around 400 square metres. A plan of Riverside's layout is shown at appendix 4. An early artist's impression of the children's area is included here at appendix 5; some of the details may change as the project proceeds.
- 4.5 As well as a good range of books, Riverside Library will have the same number of public access computers as the Central Library. We will largely replace the current library counter service with easy to use self-service technology. Staff will be on hand to assist users unfamiliar with this equipment. Our focus will be on activities that add the most value, such as rhyme-times and job clubs, and providing support with IT. Routine library tasks will be kept to an absolute minimum.
- 4.6 The new Riverside Library has extended opening hours and will be open 46.5 hours per week, compared with 33 hours per week at the current Central Library. The opening pattern will be:

Monday	8.30 to 5.00
Tuesday	8.30 to 5.00
Wednesday	8.30 to 5.00
Thursday	8.30 to 5.00
Friday	8.30 to 5.00
Saturday	9.00 to 1.00

Central Library building

- 4.7 Derby Museums Trust is in need of alternative accommodation during the redevelopment of the Silk Mill as part of the Museum of Making HLF capital project. It is therefore intended that the Trust takes over the ground floor of the Central Library during this period. It proposes using the library space for activities such as learning events and commercial activities including meetings, receptions, seminars and book fairs. The Trust also proposes to use the space to put on display more items from its collections.
- 4.8 The Library Service will finish clearing the library building in July, at which point the Museums Trust will start adapting the available space for its own purposes. The Trust expects to commence its operations in the library during the autumn.
- 4.9 In the longer term, and subject to its ability to raise the necessary funds, the Trust has expressed an ambition to refurbish the shared Museum and Library building to create a Museum of Arts and Science inspired by Joseph Wright.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 n/a

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	
Financial officer	Mandy Fletcher – Head of Finance for Communities and Place
Human Resources officer	Liz Moore – Head of HR
Estates/Property officer	Jayne Sowerby-Warrington – Head of Strategic Asset Management and Estates
Service Director(s)	Claire Davenport – Service Director: Leisure, Culture and Tourism
Other(s)	Ann Webster – Lead on Equality and Diversity Richard Boneham – Head of Audit Partnership Jill Craig – Interim Director of Information Systems John Tomlinson – Director of Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Riverside Library – configuration of ground floor of the Council House Appendix 3 – Artist’s impression of the Riverside Library entrance Appendix 4 – Riverside Library – layout Appendix 5 – Artist’s impression of the Riverside Library children’s area

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Whilst there are no financial implications as a direct result of this report, the move of the city centre lending library directly supports the Libraries Strategic Review and associated savings. The finer details of the Museum move are still to be agreed.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 The staff impacts of the relocation of the Central Library to Riverside will be dealt with as part of a larger restructure linked to the Libraries Strategic Review as a whole.

IT

- 4.1 IT Services are working closely with Library colleagues to ensure the IT arrangements are in place for the Library opening.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The new Riverside Library will be fully accessible for disabled people; we are working on this with our Disability Equality Hub.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 Negotiations are continuing with Derby Museums Trust regarding the details of the Trust's proposed occupation of the library.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 None arising from this report.

Appendix 3



Appendix 5

