

Continuing Non-Statutory Service (Proposed Base Budget Reduction Targets) – Template 3
BOP 042

Service name LIBRARIES SERVICE (BBR 073)	Service description – Please see below		
	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Forecast before savings	13.209	13.348	13.568
Budgeted savings (cumulative)	-0.866	-3.008	-4.708
Planned net expenditure (Approved 2015 net budget)	12.343	10.340	8.860
August 15 monitoring position	0.148		
Demand variations (cumulative)		0.000	0.000
Price variations (cumulative)		-0.054	-0.143
Undeliverable savings (cumulative)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Loss of grant (cumulative)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revised Resource Requirement	12.491	10.286	8.717
Additional savings target for approval (cumulative)	0.000	-1.608	-2.292
Revised proposed budget	12.491	8.678	6.425
Proposed risk reserve provision (discrete year)		1.608	0.000
Policy Decisions needed to deliver the budgeted savings	<p>To consult on the provision of a future Library service based upon the proposals set out below:</p> <p>As part of its Base Budget Review the council has identified that the provision of a single static Library in each of its 12 district council areas would meet its statutory obligations in respect of Library provision.</p> <p>The current level of provision of 74 Libraries is considered to be significantly in excess of the council's duty to provide a sufficient number of libraries to meet the needs of the community.</p> <p>The council would therefore be consulting on what would be an acceptable and sufficient level of service to meet need.</p> <p>The council's draft corporate strategy proposes that the needs of residents be met on the basis of local communities within 34 Service Planning Areas.</p> <p>The council considers that a level of service based upon the provision of one static library to meet the needs of each of the 34 Service Planning Areas would provide an acceptable level of service with the resources available to the authority.</p> <p>The proposed model of service delivery would be to provide 34 fully staffed Libraries.</p> <p>It is proposed that budget provision be made for 2016/17 onwards, for delivering the library service, on this model of service based upon the 34 Service Planning areas.</p> <p>It is proposed that provision be made within the council's reserves for continuation of service on the basis of current provision, pending the outcome of the consultation.</p>		
Impact upon service	Should the outcome of the consultation and subsequent consideration of service provision result in a decision to provide 34 Libraries the		

	<p>impact would be the closure of 40 libraries.</p> <p>If this were to be the outcome the proposal would also result in a 50% reduction of the support and development team in line with proposed service reduction timescales.</p> <p>No impact on the mobile library service which will be retained.</p>
Actions needed to deliver the target savings	<p>A full and statutorily compliant consultation with library users and the wider community on the proposed level of service provision.</p> <p>Design of the consultation process and materials by 31st December 2015. A twelve week consultation period will end on 31st March 2016.</p> <p>A detailed Equality Impact Assessment of the proposal following consultation particularly taking into account the responses from and needs of citizens with protected characteristics.</p> <p>A decision of the Cabinet Member, following consultation, on the final pattern of service provision in May 2016.</p> <p>Following the decision of the Cabinet Member the identification of Libraries for closure and consultation with staff on the related staffing structure in June 2016.</p> <p>Statutory consultation process with Trades Unions with respect to potential for redundancies, April 2016.</p>
Equality Analysis	<p>Click here to view document</p>

What does this service deliver?

Public Libraries – The Council provides a library service from 74 public libraries in most of the County's largest communities. The council provides library services from branches and mobile libraries, making a difference through accessible reading, learning and information. There are 500,000 Lancashire citizens registered as Library users, equivalent to approximately a third of the population of the county.

Home Library Service - The home library service is provided free of charge if you are unable to get to a library building because of your age, disability or ill health. Books and audio visual material are chosen by library staff for friends and relatives to collect. Loans can be delivered by volunteers if satisfactory arrangements for collection cannot be made. The home library service offers the loan of books, audio visual material and a request service.

A Mobile Library Service – Six Mobile library vehicles cover the whole of Lancashire, serving over a thousand stops on a fortnightly basis.