

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 September 2021

Report of the Head of Cultural Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Library Collection Management and Development Policy

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

The Library Service has undertaken a review of its collection management and development policy and as a result has produced a new, high-level policy which replaces the previous version.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the revised library collection management and development policy as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

The policy review has looked at all collections held across Lancashire by the Library Service, as well as the Lancashire Printed collection held on behalf of the Library Service by Lancashire Archives. The review itself has not resulted in any proposed major policy changes but there are some proposals which will affect library members who borrow DVDs and music CDs.

Consultations

There has been no public consultation other than that detailed in the equality analysis (set out at Appendix 'B'), which has looked at the proposal to cease buying music CDs. This has been taken to the county council's visual impairment forum; none of those present at that meeting raised an objection.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If the policy is not approved there is a risk that collection management in the Library Service does not reflect current thinking, best practice and national standards. There is no risk in approving the latest version other than that detailed under the equality and cohesion section below.

Financial

No financial risks have been identified.

Legal

No legal risks have been identified.

Equality and Cohesion

Risks relating to equality and cohesion are detailed in the equality analysis set out at Appendix 'B'. These risks relate specifically to ceasing purchasing music CDs and the centralisation of the Library Service's DVD and music CD collections.

No other risks under human rights, crime and disorder, personnel, property or asset management have been identified.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		