

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 February 2022

Report of the Interim Head of Cultural Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Lancashire Library and Museum Strategies 2022-25

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

Cultural Services have undertaken a review of existing strategy documents and have developed two distinct strategies covering each of the Library and Museum services.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the Lancashire Library and Museum strategies, as set out at Appendices 'A' and 'B' respectively.

Detail

The Lancashire Library Service Strategy has been reviewed and refreshed and continues to look to, and be guided by, the "Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016 – 2021" published by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. This document will continue to inform service development to ensure that we are a vibrant and modern Library service.

The Lancashire Museum Strategy is aligned with, and guided by, the Arts Council's 10-year strategy "Let's Create 2020-2030". This strategy details the outcomes and investment principles required to ensure that all museums are sustainable, focused and trusted organisations, which offer their visitors a great experience.

Consultations

Managers within each service have been consulted and have had the opportunity to offer their input into the development of each strategy. There has been no public consultation around either document.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The strategies will provide a clear direction for each service and reflect current national thinking and priorities in the Library and Museum sectors.

If the strategies are not approved, then there is a risk that the Library and Museum services are not aligned with and do not reflect the ambitions and priorities of the Library taskforce and Arts Council.

There is felt to be no risk associated with approving either of the strategies.

Human Resources

No Human Resources or employee related risks have been identified.

Financial

No financial risks have been identified.

Legal

No legal risks have been identified.

Equality and Cohesion

The strategies reflect the general aims of the public sector equality duty and their implementation should have a positive impact on groups with protected characteristics in Lancashire, building on existing positive work across all groups and with individuals.

List of Background Papers

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