

Warrington Public Libraries Partnership Board

Terms of Reference

Date approved: 16/05/2018

Purpose

To aim to ensure a dynamic, comprehensive, universal and sustainable libraries offer for Warrington residents.

Role

The group will:

- Support Warrington Borough Council to deliver a libraries service in compliance with the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964.
- Develop, publish and agree with partners a new library strategy for Warrington libraries.
- Oversee the implementation of the library strategy and a programme of modernisation proposals as agreed by Warrington Borough Council Executive Board.
- Ensure impact assessments for each of the modernisation proposals are robust, and consultation and engagement processes are appropriately carried out.
- Draw on national and international best practice to identify opportunities to sustain and enhance the libraries offer in Warrington.
- Lead on seeking external funding opportunities to promote innovation and best practice.

Meeting arrangements

- The Board will meet a minimum of every two months (the Board reserves the right to increase this if the work plan requires)
- The Board will publish meeting papers on the Warrington Borough Council and LiveWire websites.
- The Board reserves the right to consider a matter in private when it is necessary to do so. Items which may be considered confidential and therefore appropriate to be considered in private will be the categories of confidential and exempt information as set out in the Council's Constitution (Access to Information Rules – Section 8).

Powers

The Board will be able to:-

- Make recommendations to Warrington Borough Council Executive Board, Policy Committees, and LiveWire Board.

Membership

- Warrington Borough Council, representation (4)
- Livewire CIC representatives (4), including libraries lead
- Culture Warrington representative (1)
- Third Sector representative (1)
- Friends of Libraries representative (4)

To co-opt other members or advisors to support delivery of work plan as and when required.

Co-ordination support will be provided by Warrington Borough Council Strategic Partnerships and Commissioning team.