



Libraries Partnership Board Meeting
5th November 2024, 10.00am till 11.30am
Culcheth Library
Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Cheryl Siddall (CS) – WBC People, Performance and Resources Director
Eleanor Blackburn (EB) - WBC - Head of Inclusive Economy, Leisure, and Culture
Rachel Ralston (RR) – LiveWire Strategic Library Manager (WBC)
Garry D’Arcy (GD) – WBC, Partnership and Commissioning Project Manager
Peter Lewenz (PL)
Gary Borrows (GB)
Philip Forshaw (PF)
Janet Evans (JE)
Gill Mortimer (GM)
Andrew Mortimer (AM)
Jim Billington (JB)
Christine Smith (CSM)
Albert Hartley (AH)
Susan Morris (SM)
Patricia Barlow (PB)
Linda Riley (LR)

	Actions
1. <u>Welcome and apologies.</u> <u>Apologies received from</u>	
2. <u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u> GB asked about children’s work since last meeting, CS reported that the team has worked with schools and other children’s groups. It was requested that children should be an agenda item at the next meeting. Action - Add Children to the agenda for the next forum meeting	
3. <u>Highlights from last meeting</u> Not discussed	
4. <u>Library Service Update -</u> Rachel gave a presentation for service updates. GB asked about KOHA, RR explained it was just a software update for KOHA software the libraries use.	



5. <u>Proposals for Warrington Libraries</u> EB and CS gave a presentation about the library proposals. • EB explained that consultations will take place with 6 groups on the 14th at Culcheth Library which EB was attending. • CS mentioned that each site will liaise with the other groups at each site for consultation. The service will also be looking at engaging nonusers and young people. • GB asked if the changes/ savings are for this financial year. EB responded yes that it was and that the consultations will take place slowly, but the changes are deliverable this year. • GB asked if the £270k library savings proportionate, be responded that the leisure budget is 7.2 million so its not clear in the figures. • EB indicated that the plans were to firm things up quite quickly and that this would be taken to Cabinet to be agreed. • SM is not happy but agreed at cabinet without knowing the cuts.	
6. <u>Ideas for future meetings</u> • Children for future agenda	
7. <u>A.O.B.</u> • None	