

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Library savings programme update		
Contributors	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Item No.	8
Class	Part 1	Date	13 July 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet meeting of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled Library savings programme update at its meeting on 4 July 2016.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet are recommended to note the views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee as set out in this referral and ask the Executive Director for Community Services to provide a response.

3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 4 July 2016, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered a report entitled Library savings programme update. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee felt that it was important that libraries could offer assistance to members of the public with the use of computers and IT, especially in light of the Council's aim to increasingly digitise its services.
- 3.3 The Committee therefore recommends that, as far as is practicable, agreements with the partners organisations for the community libraries include provisions to ensure that technical support by trained staff and/or trained volunteers is available to residents.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

Background papers

[Library savings programme update](#) at the meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 4 July 2016.

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