

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Library and Information Service Annual Report	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Library and Information Service annual report at the meeting on 12 July 2017.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 12 July 2017, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee reviewed the Library and Information Service annual report.
- 3.2 The Committee highlighted the need to properly resource support for the changing role of libraries. In particular, Members acknowledged the growing need for WiFi and WiFi access.
- 3.3 The Committee felt that the promotion, both internally and externally, of news stories connected to libraries, must be done in an accessible way (for example, a greater use of infographics).
- 3.4 Members emphasised the need to connect the importance of libraries to the work being undertaken by the Poverty Commission.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be 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).

6. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee agenda 13 July 2017: [link](#)

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