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DCMS Libraries Modernisation Review - Presentation from DCMS

Summary

Officials from the DCMS Libraries Modernisation Review team will attend the board on 16 March to update members on the progress of the review and its current direction of travel.

Recommendations

That members note the update from DCMS officials.

Action

Subject to comments from the board, officers to take forward any suggested actions.

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Background

1. On 9 October 2008 the DCMS announced a modernisation review of public libraries. The LGA was asked to join the review's programme board. The review is being taken forward by Barbara Follett MP.
2. Following the completion of the five initial workstreams in January 2009, the DCMS held several roundtables to develop the "vision" for libraries modernisation. A further roundtable will take place on Monday 20 March. The Chair of the Culture, Tourism and Sport board represents the LGA at these discussions.
3. Members discussed the LGA's contribution to the Libraries review at the 13 January meeting.

Progress

4. Officials from the DCMS Libraries Modernisation Review team will attend the board on 16 March to update members on the progress of the review and its current direction of travel.
5. They will also seek members' thoughts on how best to communicate the emerging messages of the review in a way that secures substantial buy in across local government at a senior level.

Financial Implications

6. This work can be managed from existing resources.

Implications for Wales

7. The Libraries Modernisation Review applies only to England.

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