

29 March 2010

Libraries Modernisation Review

Summary

The Board have been inputting on an on-going basis into the DCMS Libraries Modernisation Review. Cllr White met Margaret Hodge most recently on 19 November 2009 to put forward the views of LGA members.

On 19 March 2010 the Minister wrote to all stakeholders to inform them that the review is to be published in the week commencing 22 March 2010; a copy of this letter is **attached** at Annex A.

Officers will provide an update to the board, covering in particular the implications of the review for local authorities.

Recommendations

Members to note the update and discuss the implications of the review for local authorities.

Action

Officers to take forward any suggested actions.

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Annex A

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Dear Friends,

LIBRARY SERVICE MODERNISATION REVIEW

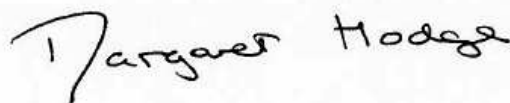
I am writing to thank you once again for the advice and support you have given to the Libraries Review.

We have now completed our analysis of responses to our recent consultation and hope to publish a policy document next week.

Unfortunately, on our current timetable it will not be possible to share a copy of the report with you in advance, but please be assured that, alongside the analysis of consultation responses, we have reviewed all notes from Project Board and Reference Group meetings. We hope that you will find the document reflects the discussions you participated in.

My officials will provide you with a copy of the document next week.

Very many thanks, once again, for your continued support,



MARGARET HODGE MP