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Dear / Annwyl Craig

Scrutiny: Economy And Culture Scrutiny Committee - 5 March - Slc And Communities - Quarter 3 Performance

I am writing in response to your correspondence concerning the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee which took place on 5th February 2015. Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee Communities, Housing and Customer Services – Quarter 3 Performance.

Unfortunately, Roath library does require substantial investment to bring it back into use. The boiler has failed and to fix the boiler will require the associated pipe work to also need replacing. The roof leaked and as a result the books and computers have been removed. The immediate repair work has been carried out to ensure that the building is watertight and to reduce the chance of further damage.

A temporary alternative location has been investigated in the area. However due to the costs to ensure the alternative building meet the building requirements, it has been ruled that capital investment is reserved for a permanent solution, whether this is to bring the current building back into use or an alternate delivery in the area. In the interim, extra computers have been located in Splott Library, the Story-Time class has also transferred to Splott Librray and additional Into Work sessions have taken place. At Plasnewydd Community Centre from 13th March job club sessions will be taking place from 9 to 5 on Mondays and Thursdays.

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As mentioned in the meeting, a proposal for the way forward will be taken to cabinet in May and I would welcome the opportunity to present to this committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

The aim for Librarian service is to have a qualified neighbourhood development librarian in each of the 6 Neighbourhood Partnership Area. As discussed at the meeting, the funding for these posts can only be made available when changes are made to libraries in those area, whether this is through the creation of hubs or alternative delivery models from the branches. The current status of the funding is as follows.

- **Cardiff South West** – Funding in place from the creation of Ely/Caerau Hub (currently being covered temporary and recruitment for the permanent post is taking place).
- **Cardiff East** – Funding in place from the creation Llanrumney and St Mellons Hubs – (post is filled).
- **City and Cardiff South** – Funding in place from the creation of Grangetown Hub (post is currently being recruited).
- **Cardiff West** – Funding identified and will become available when the Fairwater and Llandaf North Hubs changes take place.
- **Cardiff North** – No funding currently secured. Potential funding from future Llanedeyrn or Llanishen Hubs, or alternative deliver models.
- **Cardiff South East** – No funding currently secured. Potential funding from future Star Hub, or alternative deliver models.

I hope the above gives you and the Committee Members more clarity on the information requested, and I would like to thank you for your comments.

Yours sincerely
Yn gwyir



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