

Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title	Bilston Library and Gallery – Feasibility Study	
Decision designation	GREEN	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor John Reynolds City Economy	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Libraries Councillor Advisory Group	13 June 2017

Summary

To seek approval to commission a feasibility study in relation to the location of Bilston Library and Gallery.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Economy, in consultation with the Service Director – City Economy commission a feasibility study in relation to the location of Bilston Library and Gallery.

Councillor John Reynolds

Keren Jones

Signature

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The City of Wolverhampton Council is seeking permission to commission a feasibility study in relation to the location of Bilston Library and Gallery as part of the Libraries Transformation Programme.
- 1.2 As part of developing a draft library strategy for 2017 - 2027, local people were asked their views on the location of Bilston Library and Gallery. This included moving the Library and Gallery to Bilston Town Hall, remaining where it is or suggesting another location.
- 1.3 Response to the consultation was mixed, and in the two consultation events people expressed that they wanted more information on a proposed move, including how services would potentially fit into Bilston Town Hall and what would happen to the current Library and Gallery building should these services move.

2.0 Feasibility Study options

- 2.1 The feasibility study should address key questions raised in the consultation on a draft library strategy in February to May 2017.
- 2.2 The feasibility study will also help to inform the wider master planning for Bilston and in particular Mount Pleasant.
- 2.3 It is projected that the feasibility study will be completed by August 2017, with a further decision to be made by Cabinet post September 2017.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 It is anticipated the cost of feasibility study will be up to £15,000. A request has been made to fund the study via the regeneration reserves. [HM/04072017/P]

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The feasibility study will highlight any legal implications for consideration. [RB/26062017/C]

5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 Equalities implications have been considered in line with the Equality Act 2010. An equalities analysis on the libraries strategy has been conducted in January 2017 and revised in June 2017. Any equalities implications will also be considered as part of the feasibility study.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 Any environmental implications will be considered as part of the feasibility study.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 There are no Human Resources implications involved in conducting feasibility study.

8.0 Corporate landlord implications

8.1 There are significant implications for Corporate Landlord. The feasibility study will determine the implications involved.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 Cabinet Report – Libraries Transformation 22 February 2017

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