

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING CABINET MEMBER**

**INVESTMENT IN BARTON UPON HUMBER LIBRARY, HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING HUB**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve the investment of £1.2M to create an integrated Library and Wellbeing offer in Barton upon Humber.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The council's capital programme for 2017-18 includes £1.2m funding to create an integrated Library, Health and Wellbeing offer based at Baysgarth Leisure Centre in Barton upon Humber. This investment will deliver a transformational change in the way that we both support and enable people and communities, placing the customer at the centre of all we do.
- 2.2 Extensive work has been undertaken to develop the Library, Health and Wellbeing Hub concept in terms of outcomes, supporting infrastructure and the sustainability of services.
- 2.3 The investment will create a vibrant community space, with a wide range of information, advice, leisure, health, wellbeing and lifelong learning opportunities being brought together around the customer. This will:
- strengthen individual and community health and well-being
  - enhance resilience and connectivity within the community
  - promote literate communities
  - provide cultural enrichment
  - promote community prosperity
  - enable progression into employment
  - raise aspirations
  - ensure the vulnerable are supported and protected
  - improve digital access
  - transform the customer journey/experience
- 2.4 Functions will be integrated across a number of services. These are currently delivered from a range of different facilities including:
- Baysgarth Leisure Centre
  - Barton Adult Community Learning Centre

- Barton Library and Local Link
- Barton Community Wellbeing Hub

### 3 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To extend and remodel the Baysgarth Leisure Centre facility to create the right space for the integrated Library, Health and Wellbeing offer using the £1.2 million, together with other funding, as appropriate, available within the capital programme. Reconfigure staffing resources and provide workforce development to implement the integrated Library, Health and Wellbeing offer.

### 4 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The business case considered a range of options. An extension and remodelling of the Baysgarth Leisure Centre facility to create the right space for an integrated Library, Health and Wellbeing offer was deemed the best solution. It provides the space to enable customers to get maximum value from the council offer and supports the aim of enabling people to help themselves and to supporting community wellbeing. The provision of high quality universal and lower-level targeted services will reduce dependence on more specialist council services. Integration of services will allow an increase in opening hours, providing greater public access.

- 4.2 To facilitate the transformational change in the way that we support and enable people and communities, the main features of the extended and remodelled facility will be:

- a single point of customer contact
- individual/confidential, group and open plan flexible use spaces for all services
- a purpose designed library area
- specific facilities for wellbeing support
- enhanced customer facilities (refreshments, changing places provision)
- improved self-service access
- comprehensive, high quality leisure facilities
- enhanced parking, transport and accessibility arrangements

- 4.3 The extension and remodelling proposals for the Baysgarth Leisure Centre facility, together with the associated service redesign, builds on the valuable experience and learning gained from the Scunthorpe Library Integrated Community Offer project.

### 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 **Financial:** The business case includes a cost analysis. It forecasts realisation of planned revenue savings and economies of scale from integration of offer and resources. The project is affordable within the cost envelope of the existing capital programme, subject to the procurement process.

- 5.2 **Staffing:** The development of an integrated delivery model will involve reconfiguration of staffing resources and workforce development.

5.3 **Property:** The works should be completed with minimal disruption to existing services. On completion, a number of assets will be released for alternative use including Providence House which will be repurposed as a community asset.

## **6 OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 No negative impacts have been identified at this stage.

## **7 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 Feedback from an extensive engagement and consultation process with customers has informed the development of the proposals.

7.2 No conflicts of interest have been identified.

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To approve the investment of £1.2M of capital funding to create an integrated Library and Wellbeing offer in Barton upon Humber.

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