



## People Scrutiny Committee

16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Cultural Services Scrutiny Group

**Purpose of Report:** Progress report

Since the last meeting of People Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 the Cultural Services Scrutiny Group has not met, however, the following matter was subject to a report to Cabinet:

6.	<b>WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: POWYS ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15</b>	<b>C224 - 2015</b>
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*Cabinet considered the Welsh Public Library Standards annual report for Powys for 2014 – 15. Powys Library Service had met 17 of the 18 core entitlements set by Welsh Government, and partially achieved the 18<sup>th</sup>. The new framework has 16 quality indicators, of which 7 have targets; for those with targets, Powys met 3 in full, 3 in part, and failed to meet one. The key performance indicators of library visits per thousand population (actual and virtual) were well above the Welsh median, proving increased benefit to Powys citizens. Cabinet felt that this was a very positive report given the financial constraints on the Library Service that was due to the outstanding work of the staff and asked the Leader to write to them in appreciation of their efforts.*

*Scrutiny had not had an opportunity to look at the annual report. Cabinet would welcome their comments once they had scrutinised the report.*

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b><i>That the outcomes in Welsh Government's Annual Report on the Library Service 2014-15 in Appendix A to the report be duly noted, and considered in forward planning.</i></b>	<b><i>To aid compliance with the requirements of the Welsh Public Library Standards 2014-2017.</i></b>

*County Councillor Phil Pritchard abstained having missed part of the debate.  
County Councillor Darren Mayor arrived from a Welsh Government conference where he had been representing the Council.*

A meeting will be arranged for the Cultural Services Scrutiny Group to consider the Library Standards Report.

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**Sources/background papers:**

**Membership:**

County Councillors: D. R. Jones, M. Dorrance

**J. M. Williams**, VACANCY, Dr G. Bowker, G. Jones and T. Turner.

Covering: Archives

Libraries (inclu eBooks)

Theatres

Youth Strategy