

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION  
BY  
CLLR GRAHAM BROWN (PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PROCUREMENT AND  
COMMISSIONING)**

**July 2015**

**REPORT AUTHOR: Kay Thomas, Principal Librarian**

**SUBJECT: Powys Library Service Annual Return 2014/15  
Welsh Public Library Standards: 5<sup>th</sup> Performance  
Framework, 2014 - 2017**

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**REPORT FOR: Approval**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to give consideration to the Annual Return (see Appendix A) to the Welsh Government on the Library Service, for the year 2014-2015, as required under the Welsh Public Library Standards (5<sup>th</sup> Framework).
- 1.2. The Welsh Government has a supervisory and monitoring role in relation to the 22 Library Authorities in Wales.
- 1.3. Welsh Public Library Standards (WPLS) were first developed in 2002. The period 2014 -2017 is covered by a fifth performance framework. Under this framework, the Authority's performance will be measured annually against a revised set of Standards and a range of key Performance Indicators.
- 1.4. The Standards are intended to help define the responsibilities of library authorities in providing a "comprehensive and efficient" service under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964. The performance framework aims to:
  - Safeguard the improvements achieved since 2002
  - Protect library services from disproportionate resource reductions
  - Reflect the ways in which libraries can make significant contributions to the delivery of key national policy agendas
  - Provide a suitable tool to support the management of services, and to ensure that services are delivered efficiently.

## **2. Proposal**

2.1. It is proposed that the Annual Return on the Library Service 2014-15 is submitted to the Welsh Government as required under the Welsh Public Library Standards.

## **3. One Powys Plan:**

3.1. During the year of the report, Powys Library Service contributed to the achievement of the One Powys Plan vision, values and priorities; in particular:

- We will work together to meet the needs of Powys citizens, delivering high performance and value for our communities, providing our residents with accessibility to services, in an atmosphere of openness, respect, learning and trust.
- Older people are supported to lead fulfilled lives within their communities
- Carers have a good sense of wellbeing, through access to social and leisure opportunities
- Providing a boost to mental and emotional wellbeing
- Addressing child poverty
- Powys citizens will be supported and empowered to lead active and healthier lives
- Supporting children and young people to achieve their full potential
- Stronger communities – bringing people together in Powys, so they feel that they matter, belong and can contribute to their community.
- Enabling joined up services for Powys citizens through public and third sector partnerships

## **4. Options Considered / Available**

4.1. The Authority is obliged to comply with the reporting requirements of the performance framework and of the Welsh Public Library Standards.

## **5. Preferred Choice and Reasons**

5.1. To aid compliance with the Welsh Public Library Standards.

## **6. Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)**

6.1 Finance – There are no financial implications as far as this report is concerned.

6.2 The Professional Lead – Legal agrees that the recommendation should be implemented and this process should be carried out

## **7. Statutory Officers**

7.1 The Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

7.2 The solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report.”

## 8. Members’ Interests

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
That the Annual Return on the Library Service 2014-15 in Appendices A and B to the Report be approved for submission to the Welsh Government	To aid compliance with the requirements of the Welsh Public Library Standards.

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	
<b>Within Policy:</b>	Y
<b>Within Budget:</b>	Y

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	n/a
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	Kay Thomas, Principal Librarian
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	

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### Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Appendix A - Annual Return on the Library Service 2014-15 [Powys Final CyMAL - Welsh Public Library Standards - Reporting Template - Libraries making a difference - Revised October - English%.xls](#)

Appendix B – Case studies and contribution to Welsh Government priorities [Powys Final - WPLS Case study template - English.doc](#)

‘Libraries making a difference: The Fifth Framework of Welsh Public Library Standards 2014 – 17’  
[..\Framework 5 final Oct 2014\Libraries making a difference 5th quality framework 2014 2017.pdf](#)