



Minutes

English Public Libraries Stakeholder Working Group (EPL)

Date	Tuesday 31 st May 2022
Time	15:00 – 16:00
Location	Virtual Meeting

Present:

Sophie Lancaster	Senior Manager, Libraries, ACE (Chair)
Isobel Hunter	Chief Executive, Libraries Connected
Lauren Lucas	Advisor – Culture, Tourism and Sport, Local Government Association (LGA)
Leah Mason	Policy Officer Apprentice, Libraries, ACE (Minutes)
Nick Poole	Chief Executive, CILIP, The UK library and information association
Liz White	Head of Public Libraries and Engagement, British Library (BL)
Sue Wells	Chief Executive, Lincs Inspire

Apologies:

Prof. Steven Broomhead	Chief Executive, Warrington Borough Council
Sue Williamson	Director, Libraries, Arts Council England (ACE)
Julie Griffiths	Library Strategy & Development Manager, Halton Borough Council
Nicola Hawdon	Communications Manager (My Planned Care), NHS England

to have Financial Resilience on the Agenda for the July Councillor Sounding Board meeting.

- 3.10 Sue Wells commented that she agreed with previous comments, she highlighted the importance of relationship management with councils, showing that value for money is very important in LAs. She raised that there could be a more *entrepreneurial spirit* through the messaging in this work, that would allow and encourage library services to look at wider opportunities. Other members agreed and thanked Sue for her outlook.
- 3.11 Liz White raised that there is a potential for the BL to host a guest speaker on this at the 'Living Knowledge Network'.
- 3.12 Sue Wells raised there is potential for this to be taken to Community Leisure UK, to explore the learning and potential overlaps.
- 3.13 Sophie Lancaster suggested that other services across LA services are entrepreneurial in terms of financial income and delivery; possible learning could be a good idea, to use skills and training in place in other departments within the LA.
- 3.14 It was actioned that all members were to take slides to their boards and stakeholders and at the next EPL meeting, look at feedback and discussion.

All

4. MY PLANNED CARE

- 4.1 Apologies from NHS colleagues on this item.
- 4.2 This to be on next meeting's Agenda.

5. ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

- 5.1 Nick Poole shared his presentation on the assessment strategy.
- 5.2 Liz White raised how important data can be to BL's Single Digital Presence and said BL would be happy to join the workshop.
- 5.3 Lauren Lucas raised how LGA would be keen to be involved in this work, but after the data strategy has been created, once initial objectives have been achieved.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Sophie Lancaster asked for AOB.
- 6.2 Liz White mentioned there is a new monthly newsletter for the Single Digital Presence. The group were asked to contact Liz to sign up to this.
- 6.3 Sophie Lancaster raised that ACE are at the pre-market testing stage for the Comms Strategy and fed back to the group that comments from those tested so far, are diverse. Sophie actioned to update EPL after market testing has been reviewed and the ITT has been re-drafted.

All

Date and location of next meeting: Tuesday 5th July 15:00 – 16:00, Virtual Meeting