

REFERRAL FROM COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2024

The Committee had before it a report by the Executive Director – Families & Communities, which advised that officers were instructed to present a detailed phased Implementation Plan reflecting plans for internal zoning of the Central Library and testing of the Library and Information Service as an integral part of the emerging model.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

- (a) endorse the Fairer Futures Implementation Plan available in Appendix A;
- (b) note the Job Profile for the Fairer Futures Partnership Lead post in Appendix B;
- (c) endorse the aligned Future Libraries Plan in Appendix C;
- (d) **recommend to Council the establishment of an Elected Member Working Group for the target locality(ies);** and
- (e) instruct the Executive Director Families and Communities to report back on progress within one calendar year and make any reports presented to the Education and Children's Services Committee available to members of Communities, Housing and Public Protection through a Service Update.

The Convener moved, seconded by the Vice Convener:-

That the recommendations be approved.

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Tissera, moved as an amendment:-

That the Committee -

1. Notes the report;
2. Agrees the SNP has no credibility when it comes to libraries, noting the unnecessary closing of 6 of our beloved libraries across Aberdeen;
3. Agrees the establishment of an Elected Member Working Group for the target locality(ies) is unworkable due to the intrigant position adopted by the SNP when it comes to library provision within Aberdeen.

On a division, there voted – for the motion (5) – the Convener, the Vice Convener and Councillors Davidson, Greig and McLellan – for the amendment (3) – Councillors Cross, Graham and Tissera.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.