INSPIRING LIBRARIES STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION TOPIC GROUP

The Recommendations of the Inspiring Libraries Strategy Implementation Topic Group are:

1. That once the Library Service is confident of the reliability of the OpenPlus technology it should be rolled out more widely as a method of increasing the number of access hours of all tiers of library.

2. That any future development of Inspiring Libraries recognises the need to provide adequate staffing levels at tier 1 and 2 libraries to support outreach programmes and maintain the quality of the service, as well as being able to provide technical support and training to Community Libraries.

3. Improved promotion of library services, in particular chargeable spaces services and space hire, so that income generation is maximised. With a suggestion of using Members, community partners and volunteers to promote these services to other community groups and particular business groups.

4. Conduct further exploration into the use of volunteers to support services across all tiers, and continue to develop the relationship between volunteer supervised community libraries and the library service to have the flexibility to be more locally responsive.

The full report can be viewed at Inspiring Libraries Strategy Implementation Topic Group