



DEPARTMENT OF PLACE

Library and Museum Services

Children's and Culture Scrutiny Committee
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Place

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Key aim

Bolton's Library, Museums and Archives services sit at the heart of communities in the Borough, providing access to information, collections and promoting reading for pleasure and learning, openly and without judgement.

These services support the Council's main aims of **economic prosperity** and **narrowing the gap**, as well as providing an important contribution to Bolton's Vision Partnership's priority themes (Prosperous, Health and Well-being, Children and Young People, Clean and Green, Safe and Stronger) and raising aspirations through the cultural offer.



Service Overview

Network comprises:

- 9 Community libraries
- 2 Historic houses
- Museum store
- Central building – library, museum, galleries, history centre and aquarium
- Schools' Library and Museum Services unit
- 5 Neighbourhood Book Collections

Budget:

15 /16 total savings achieved £390,000

16 / 17 annual budget £5,681,055 /

£3,972,155 controllable

Staffing establishment:

16 /17 102 full time equivalents

Let's

Celebrate





Strategic Priorities 2016/17

- Le Mans Crescent building
- Historic Halls
- Wider network/ Universal Offers
- Supporting communities
- Arts participation
- Partnerships and shared working
- Leadership and management

Le Mans Crescent building

- Egyptology gallery
- Backlog maintenance
- Service provision during upgrades
- Designation of collections
- Customer experience
- Retail
- Meeting room facilities
- Event programming
- Town Centre destination/ Evolve network



Historic Halls

Smithills Hall :

- Refurbishment
- Partnership delivery
- Retail
- Tea room and events management

Hall i' th' wood :

- Remedial repairs
- Audience development





Wider network

- Delivering Public Library Universal Offers:
 - Health
 - Information
 - Digital
 - Learning
 - Reading
- Repair and maintenance
- Little Lever proposals
- Impact from changes to partners' delivery

Supporting communities 1

Volunteer offer

Roles:

- Computer Mentor
- Historic Halls
- Home Library Service
- Library Visitor Volunteer
- Museum Visitor Volunteer
- Storytelling & Events
- Imaginators – for young people aged 14 to 21
- Technical placements – work experience for students



Supporting communities 2

Activity programmes :

- Knit and Natter
- Scrabble
- Computer support
- Family history
- Writing groups
- Toddler Tales
- Arty Babies
- Saturday clubs
- Reading Groups



Measuring the impact - relevant offer/ qualitative data

Arts participation

- Managing AGMA funding:
 - Octagon
- Increasing participation in the Arts
 - Food and Drink
 - Creative industries
- GM Arts group



Partnerships and shared services

Bolton

- Bolton Vision – Stronger Communities
- Bolton Cultural Education Partnership
- University
- Town Centre

Greater Manchester

- Libraries
- Museums
- Archives
- Arts

National

- Arts Council – White paper for Culture
- Public Library Taskforce : ‘Ambition’ proposals
- Museum Association: Code of Ethics





Leadership and Management

- Establishing 'Place'
- Training and development programme for staff
- Leadership development
- Team development
- Reviewing processes
- Review and revise performance measures and management
- Future savings and efficiencies



Any Questions?