

## Appendix A – Key Benefits and Facts Relating to the Medium Term Plan

### 1. Key Benefits of a Modern Co-located Library at Deeside Leisure Centre

- Would provide a new library accessible by local and wider community, open throughout the week and with self-service available at all times the Centre is open (up to 100 hours per week at present).
- Sustains a library service to the communities of Deeside, Queensferry, Hawarden, and Mancot by sharing a well-used building with a range of services.
- Develop the library as a community hub to enable a wide range of cultural events to be held in the space in partnership with other council and community services/organisations.
- Introduce self service facilities in a Flintshire library, this will be the first library in the County with self service which will act as a template for future developments in the County and should enable a major increase in footfall and loans.
- Provide access to additional amenities for library customers: Wi-Fi, café, toilets, facilities for under 5s, sports and health activities within the building.
- Wi-Fi will be freely available and the library will be adjacent to café, toilets, crèche and soft play area.
- The new arrangement will make it possible to provide more activities for babies, parents, children, and learners as more partnership working will be possible with leisure providers.
- Easy accessibility by road and public transport from surrounding communities and good parking available.
- The library will consist of two elements – an enclosed space with books, seating, a help point, and safe children’s area; and an area which forms part of the café and foyer of the leisure centre with book displays, ICT facilities and seating.

### 2. Current Visitor Numbers at Deeside Leisure Centre: In 2013-14 Deeside Leisure Centre recorded 554,394 visitors for participation in activities.

### 3. Distance from Deeside Leisure Centre to Queensferry, Mancot and Hawarden

Hawarden 1.7 miles

Mancot 1.1 mile

Queensferry 0.6 mile

The proposals for a new library at Deeside Leisure Centre will still ensure that Flintshire meets the Welsh Public Library Standard of having a static library within 2.5 miles of 75% of the population.

### 4. Key Limitations with Libraries in Queensferry, Mancot and Hawarden

- Queensferry has the lowest visits per opening hour of any library in Flintshire.
- Hawarden Library is a small inflexible space within a listed building.
- Mancot Library is in a stand alone building built in the 1960s with over £0.100m of planned maintenance required.

#### 5. Footfall, Issues and Opening Hours (from 2015) in Hub Libraries

2013-14	visitors	loans	Opening hours 2015
Buckley	106965	94419	44.5
Connahs Quay	63040	75128	51.5
Flint	104471	66621	44.5
Holywell	85016	75237	44.5
Mold	153253	100441	47

#### 6. Footfall, Issues and Opening Hours (from 2015) in Queensferry, Mancot and Hawarden Libraries

2013-14	visitors	loans	Opening hours 2015
Hawarden	19775	28870	14
Mancot	25725	34748	17
Queensferry	18081	12004	10

#### 7. Footfall, Issues and Opening Hours (from 2015) in Small Libraries

2013-14	visitors	loans	Opening hours 2015
Halkyn	5525	8574	5.5
Hope	13325	22225	11
Mynydd Isa	26373	25666	17
Saltney	20225	20227	11

#### 8. Footfall and Issues and Opening Hours (from 2015) in Broughton Library:

2013-14	visitors	loans	Opening hours 2015
Broughton	23539	31919	20

