
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	25th May 2010
Report By:	Corporate Director - Regeneration and Environment	Report No:	RC/10/03/SJ/AM
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Subject:	Greenock Central Library		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an outline of the proposed facilities to be retained within the Central Library in Greenock and those services which will be transferred to the new library development at Rankin Park.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Feedback from users of Inverclyde Libraries indicates a strong desire for a continued library presence in central Greenock when the new community facility opens at Rankin Park.
- 2.2 It is proposed to offer central Greenock library users access to all of the same services to which they presently have access.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee accepts the proposals for services which should be retained in central Greenock and the services which should be transferred to the library at Rankin Park.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In 2008, Members approved the development of the Rankin Park complex as part of the Strategic Leisure Review. This will include a 500 sq m community library. Members were advised at the December 2009 Policy and Resources Committee of the possibility, as one of a number of options, of Strathclyde Police relocating to a refurbished Greenock Central Library building, and it was suggested that the central Greenock library facility could be transferred to Wallace Place. A report on the development of the police accommodation requirements and the central library requirements will be submitted for Members' consideration in due course.
- 4.2 Officers have been reviewing the extent of services which will be retained in central Greenock, and those which will be transferred to Rankin Park.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed to operate the following services at Rankin Park:

- Book/AV lending
- Lifelong learning and adult literacy classes
- Free internet access
- Adaptive technologies to enable PC access for the disabled
- Organised children's activities
- Study space
- Coffee machine and soft seating etc.
- Reserve stock (stock not available on open access to public)

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- Bibliographic Services area (shelving and processing space)

- 5.3 As part of the considerations in the back office review, provision will be made in the asset management plan for appropriate accommodation for the existing back office staff within the Libraries Section. It is likely that this function would be removed from the central Greenock facility. This would consist of:

- Office space with workstations and storage space for c.18 staff
- Meeting space

- 5.4 Although the current proposals for the provision of Library Services in Inverclyde will not increase overall in footprint, it is anticipated that through improved access for users at Rankin Park the borrower figures should increase.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Finance:

Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6.2 Personnel: None

6.3 Legal: None