



Title of report: Review of New Hereford Library and Learning Resource Centre Location

Meeting: Cabinet

Meeting date: Thursday 20th July 2023

Report by: Cabinet member community services and assets

Supplementary information

The political group consultation (PGC) took place on Monday 17th July and provided an opportunity for members to feedback on the report which was issued on the 12th July. The PGC was timetabled to allow members an opportunity to review the report ahead of any discussion.

The feedback provided was across all parties with the main key points highlighted as:

- Suggested option to ensure that Maylord Orchards is considered in the future business case and not cancelled from the project to ensure that the library has a prominent location in the City in the event that The Shirehall is not approved;
- Further current detailed costings were requested for the overall Shirehall refurbishment to support the decision;
- An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) for the decision was requested for the recommended decision;
- A request to consider the entertainment space in the Shirehall and the impact of the removal of this facility;
- Across some members support was provided for the vision of the Shirehall and the opportunity to utilise the historic, civic building;
- Assurance of accessibility to the building for people with a disability, parents with pushchairs and the appropriate consideration are made for all users.

