

### DEVELOP COMMUNITY HUBS



- All libraries becoming part of the Safe Places Scheme within West Berkshire
- Implement Community Hub activities through the Let's Talk initiative
- Engage with town and parish councils to extend library provision through a revised funding model
- Continue to develop partnership projects such as those with Berkshire Music Trust, Educafe, The Corn Exchange and City Arts

### MAKE LIBRARIES MORE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH NEW DELIVERY MODELS



- Continue to promote the At Home Library Service for families without transport and residents with age or mobility challenges
- Collaborate with town and parish councils to provide library offers that meet local needs
- Continue to develop and promote pop-up libraries and the community bookshelves
- Extend library opening hours to offer more flexible access for residents

### IMPROVE AWARENESS OF LIBRARY SERVICES WITH SELDOM HEARD COMMUNITIES



- Work with Public Health, Children and Family Services, and wider health partners to introduce targeted activity programmes
- Support the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) initiative with library visits and Summer Reading Challenge promotion
- Enhance library accessibility and inclusivity by making libraries more dementia and neurodiverse friendly

### TARGET LITERACY AND PROMOTE INDEPENDENT LEARNING AS WELL AS READING FOR PLEASURE



- Deliver the Summer Reading Challenge in partnership with The Reading Agency
- Support the Bookstart programme by distributing free books to babies and offering targeted programmes for children with special educational needs
- Work with Educafe at Newbury Library to reach non-native English speakers
- Run the West Berkshire Book Challenge for adults every summer

### ENHANCE DIGITAL SERVICES IN LINE WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS



- Start a Digital Device Loan Initiative
- Promote the West Berkshire Libraries digital Escape Room for young people
- Implement Wi-Fi printing in library buildings
- Offer digital support sessions at libraries to prevent digital exclusion

### DIVERSIFY AND INCREASE INCOME STREAMS



- Support libraries to host a range of chargeable events such as craft sessions, author talks
- Continue to support Libraries Friends Groups to explore additional funding opportunities
- Explore new income streams within libraries by offering services such as: banking, post office services, DWP support
- Increase room hire bookings for libraries during and outside of opening hours