

DCCS Department Vision

Safe

People of all ages live in safe communities; our homes are safe and well maintained and our estates are protected from harm

Potential

People of all ages are prepared to flourish in a rapidly changing world through exceptional education, cultural and creative learning and skills which link to the world of work

Independence, Involvement and Choice

People of all ages can live independently, play a role in their communities and exercise choice over their services

Health and Wellbeing

People of all ages enjoy good mental and physical wellbeing

Community

People of all ages feel part of, engaged with and able to shape their community

What's changed since last year...

- Artizan Street library was redeveloped to incorporate a makerspace and make it more vibrant and welcoming
- A cost of living programme was set up to support residents maximise income and access financial support and warm spaces
- Planning permission has been given to develop a community meeting room at Barbican Library
- A funding grant has been awarded to Family Action to start a **Food Pantry** at Artizan Street Library
- It has been agreed in principle to enter binding negotiations with Land Securities to temporary relocate Shoe Lane Library whilst the building is redeveloped.
- The Head of Barbican & Community Libraries retired in September 2022, resulting in many acting up opportunities at different levels. This has led to a greater movement of staff and more personal development opportunities.
- Library Lates was launched, a very successful programme of monthly literary events in collaboration with the Barbican Centre.



Our major workstreams this year will be...

Buildings

- 1. Establishing a **temporary 'Shoe Lane' library** as the current building is prepped for redevelopment and designs finalised with architects
- 2. Working with the Barbican Residents' Association to build a community meeting room in Barbican Library
- 3. Reconfiguring the Barbican Library entrance to better utilize the space for customers and staff

Programming

- 1. Building upon the success of the Library Lates collaboration with the Barbican Centre
- 2. Developing the **Makerspace** offer at Artizan in collaboration with local people, Adult Education, Aldgate School and other partners
- 3. Developing a Green Libraries programme across Barbican & Community Libraries
- 4. Ensuring that our programming reflects the diverse needs and interests of our customers

Integrated Support for Local People

- 1. Installing a **Food Pantry** in the main hall at Artizan Street Library & Community centre and developing a programme of activities and support around it
- 2. Developing our **support for people who are sleeping rough** in the City of London
- 3. Enabling **cost of living support and responding to national changes in the economic climate** through our part in the multi-partner Cost of Living programme
- 4. Supporting the **review of Children's Centre Services** in partnership with Education & Early Years and implementing any resultant changes to our U5s and families offer

Digital Enhancement

- 1. Retendering of Public IT Network contract in partnership with LMA, Guildhall Library and SBREC
- 2. Completing the installation of the Kaurio Wifi printing solution in all three libraries
- 3. Providing more flexible digital solutions for library users, such as tablets or laptops for use in the libraries

Customer Engagement

- 1. Carrying out a customer and non-customer survey and responding to the results
- 2. Ensuring our provision **includes the needs of people living with dementia**, including meeting dementia-friendly standards in all our buildings and offering services such as Playlist for Life



Key Performance Indicators

#	КРІ	Current Performance	Direction of Travel/ Target
1	Number of visitors	285,329	325,000
2	Number of physical items loaned	317,768	375,000
3	Number of e-items loaned/streamed	166,450	180,000
4	Number of people using the makerspace equipment	N/A	80 unique adult users
5	Percentage of people reporting that library services have had a positive effect on their mental health and wellbeing	75%	80%
6	Percentage of people reporting that library services have had a positive effect on their child's development	100%	maintain
7	Percentage of library users reporting satisfaction with library services	N/A	90%
8	Active borrowers	6,842	7,000

Medium Term Plans under consideration(2024/25 and 2025/26)

Priority list (Include any known changes you are preparing for, e.g. new legislation, services, projects, automation)	2024/25	2025/26	Funded or Unfunded
Developing the Home Delivery Service in partnership with Adult Social Care	x		N/A
Redevelopment of Shoe Lane Library	x	x	Funded

Our budget 2023/24 - £2,639,000:

Our budget 2023/24- £,000:	Local risk	Central risk
Artizan Street	331	0
Shoe Lane	257	95
Barbican Library	1349	188
Lending libraries unallocated	419	0
Total	2,356	283