

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee for Education and Libraries**

Date: **16 September 2004**

By: **Director of Education and Libraries**

Title: **Library and Information Services Position Statement**

Purpose of report: **To inform the Scrutiny Committee of the recommendation as set out below.**

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**RECOMMENDATION - to note and comment on the Draft Position Statement to be sent to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport by 30 September 2004.**

*Public Relations Implications - Assessment of the Position Statement contributes to the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA).*

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## **1. Background Information**

1.1 The Position Statement is used by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to assess an authority's progress in meeting the vision for libraries expressed in the "Framework for The Future" and progress against the Public Library Standards.

1.2 The Position Statement for the Library and Information Services demonstrates significant progress towards meeting the Public Library Standards. At 31 March 2004, Library and Information Services met 20 from a possible 26 standards, an increase of six since March 2003. The Statement also demonstrates considerable commitment to the vision for libraries as expressed by the DCMS in terms of the main themes:

Section 1: Books, Reading and Learning  
Section 2: Digital Citizenship  
Section 3: Community and Civic Values  
Section 4: Building Capacity to Deliver Transformation

1.3 The draft will be revised and completed during September, and will be considered by the Lead Member for Children and Young People; and Libraries at the Individual Decision Making Meeting on 17 September.

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