

To: Sevenoaks District Kent Locality Board

From: KCC Libraries, Registration and Archives

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Summary: An update on the progress of the Future Library Services Programme for the Sevenoaks Locality Board.

1. Introduction

Following the setting up of a sub group consisting of KCC and SDC members and officers, discussions and visits to Libraries have taken place.

2. Current Position

Edenbridge

- The Eden Centre is planned to open in early January 2013

Hartley

- The Lease issues with the Parish Council have now been resolved. A meeting will be set up to discuss further partnership opportunities between KCC and the Parish Council.

Kemsing

- A meeting with the Parish Council will be set-up.

New Ash Green

- A meeting with the Parish Council will be set-up.

Otford

- A meeting with the representatives from the Parish Council, library users, WI members and KCC member took place on 21st August. The principle concern was fear of library closures. KCC clarified that there is no Library closure programme. Discussion focused on potential to generate income by hiring out the library space outside of opening hours for events and activities.
- The Future Library services programme is to be discussed by full the Parish Council

- Officers will give a Future Library Services presentation to the Otford Society on the 18th October 2012

Riverhead

- Discussions have started with both Riverhead and Dunton Green Parish Councils.

Seal

- A meeting with the Parish Council will be set-up.

Sevenoaks

- Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope already has a number of partners sharing the site, including CAB, museum and gallery. There may be potential for other asset collaboration opportunities.

Swanley

- Planning for the development of the Swanley Gateway will be moving ahead.

West Kingsdown

- A meeting with the Parish Council will be set-up

Westerham

- A meeting with Parish Council representatives and the local kCC member and a representative from the sub group was held on Tuesday 4th September. There will be a meeting with the full Parish Council on 1st October, followed by a wider community meeting to gather ideas.

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