



## **London Library Change Programme**

### **Phase 3: Making Transformational Change Happen**

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#### **Commissioning of products funded by Capital Ambition**

Following the publication of the commissioning pro-forma on the LLCP Community of Practice earlier in January, the programme team have been in discussions with the key existing partnerships and a number of individual authorities about products which they are looking to develop with funding from Capital Ambition, which could then be re-used by other boroughs and partnerships.

We anticipate that LLCP will be recommending a number of these for funding to Capital Ambition during February, and we hope that all the available resources will be allocated by mid-March, with projects being delivered during 2011-12.

The products which these projects are looking to develop include:

- Blueprint for fully shared services between boroughs.
- Blueprint for operating shared services across authorities with different governance and operating models.
- Toolkit for intra-borough and cross-boundary rationalisation of corporate assets including libraries.

From the evidence provided by boroughs to the programme so far, we would be interested in boroughs that would still like to develop products in the following areas:

- Community Management models.
- Guidance on outsourcing and specifications.
- Models of trust status.

If you would be interested in developing these products as part of your projects, then please register your interest (if you haven't yet done so) with Rick Blakemore via [rick.blakemore@mottmac.com](mailto:rick.blakemore@mottmac.com) or on 020 7593 9742.

Further workshops are being planned for some of the options which individual boroughs are examining, where shared learning can be encouraged. We will notify you of details in the next bulletin.

## Community of Practice – Result of Cross-London Survey

<http://www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/8423813/home.do>

The LLCP Community of Practice is growing exponentially. Thank you to all those who've contributed insights and questions around key issues including Mutuals and Community Management.

Many of you took part in telephone interviews in December to help identify the service models you are currently exploring and our conclusions about the possible reusable products that boroughs could benefit from and so avoid reinventing the wheel. See the blog section of the Community of Practice for our anonymised summary of the results.

If you haven't already joined the Community of Practice, you just need to follow these four simple steps:

- Step 1: go to the Community of Practice by clicking the link above.
- Step 2: log in (or register if you do not already have an LGA account).
- Step 3: apply to join the LLCP's CoP. Your application will usually be approved within 24 hours.
- Step 4: when you receive your conformation of membership, log in to the site, explore and contribute - everyone loves a sharer (we're told)!

### Further Event for Elected Members

Following on from the successful event for Members in December, we are inviting Cabinet Members to join us at the London Cultural Improvement Programme conference on Community Engagement on 23 March, where one of the bespoke masterclasses in the afternoon will be designed for Councillors.

### March Seminar

The follow-up to the November seminar for officers will be held on 15 March at Finsbury Library. We will be reviewing the latest developments in managing budget reductions across London and there will be updates from the key collaborative projects funded by the Future Libraries Programme and LLCP.

Given the success of the November seminar and the suggestions you gave us for the topics for the next seminar, we would be keen to get your views on the draft agenda and format for the March seminar. Have a look at the draft agenda for the event and post your comments – all on the Community of Practice.

If you would like to discuss LLCP and the support programme, please contact:

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Background to the programme and previous bulletins can be found at:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/policylobbying/culturetourismand2012/lcip/londonlibrarychangeprogramme.htm>