

**Integrated Tri-borough Library Service
Tri-Borough Service Plans and Proposals**

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1. Executive summary

Business case recommendations

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- To note the financial projections in the business case and to incorporate these, as amended and refined at lower levels of detail into the budget planning process for 2012/13.
- To establish and implement a procedure for appointment to the senior management structures to be effective from November 2011.
- To refer the proposals for further comment by scrutiny committees and to authorise formal consultation with Trade Unions and communication with staff.

Background

In February 2011 Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster City Council agreed a number of tri-borough proposals including exploring the creation of an integrated libraries and archives service.

The provision of public libraries is a statutory responsibility for local authorities under the 1964 Public Libraries Act. Public libraries provide access to a wide range of materials, information, knowledge and services to meet the present and future reading, learning and information needs of local communities. They are very popular and heavily used (5 million physical visits in the three boroughs last year).

As well as keeping a good stock of books and computers for customer use, modern libraries are fundamental to inspiring and enabling learning and reading. Libraries support the delivery of priorities relating to well-being and health, skills and learning, and active and sustainable communities. For many residents and visitors, the local library is the face of the council in their community.

Libraries offer a universal service that contributes to many outcomes and aspirations in the wider strategic plans of each of the boroughs, such as supporting children to enjoy and achieve, and to make a positive contribution and helping older people enjoy a better quality of life and well-being. Libraries can assist businesses, entrepreneurs, and the local economy, through information and events and they support improving health through health information programmes such as books on prescription initiative.

Libraries already work in partnership with many organisations, bringing them into the library, and taking the library service into other settings. This means that our libraries can act as an access and entry point into a wide range of other council and agency services, offering information and support to meet community needs.

What a tri-borough library service will look like

A single managed library service will provide a unique opportunity to sustain excellent frontline services and deliver customer outcomes, whilst also ensuring that local sovereignty is preserved.

The creation of a single library service will help insure the resilience and sustainability of the public library offer in each tri-borough authority.

Specific customer benefits that will be realised through the initial combined management structure and service remodelling include:

- Individual libraries becoming the gateway to a wider tri-borough service offering, enabling users to access a wider range of books and other materials including the specialist collections held by each borough. Users will also benefit from the differing specialist expertise and experience of staff.
- Consistency of service standards across the three boroughs - customers will receive a high quality customer experience regardless of geographical location or access channel (face-to-face, telephone or web).

A tri-borough library service will be delivered in four phases. Phase 1 will see the creation and approval of a detailed business case. Phase 2 will see the implementation of a single management structure and design of a single operational structure. During phase 3 a single operational structure will be implemented and during phase 4 alternatives for new delivery or trading options will be considered.

Savings proposals

This business case outlines a set of verified proposals that will provide savings opportunities for each of the tri-borough partners. A summary of savings opportunities can be found in the table below.

	Financial Savings (£)			Grand Total
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	
Single management structure*	-	315,934		315,934
Service efficiency	-	173,754	57,918	231,672
Integrated core service	-	420,115	140,039	560,154
Total		909,803	197,957	1,107,760

In addition to the financial savings outlined in this business case there are a number of areas where additional savings could potentially be gained following the implementation of a tri-borough library service. These areas are detailed in this business case but require further work to realise their financial benefits.

All proposals outlined in this business case do not preclude the implementation of any future delivery models, options for which will be considered as part of phase 4.

Single management structure

A single management structure will combine the strategic management of each authority's library service within one management team of four, reducing the number of existing management posts by six.

Service efficiency

Using a detailed transactional model and applying local operational and professional knowledge the number of staff required to operate each of the tri-borough libraries to the required service level can be established. Currently the model outlines that 174 posts are required to run a basic integrated tri-borough lending service (not including reference or specialist services), 8 posts less than the current combined staffing establishment.

Integrated core service

An outline target operating model for the combined service has been drafted. This model provides a basic service offer that will be implemented across all authorities. Additional services can then be commissioned locally by individual authorities.

Additional savings areas

Following the introduction of an integrated tri-borough library service a number of additional savings areas may be realised. These include savings from the provision of an integrated home library service, provision of an integrated archives service, rationalisation of office and book storage space and harmonising contracts and joint procurement.

As integrated tri-borough library service would also help to attract inward investment and provide a greater opportunity to gain external funding.

Salary harmonisation

Analysis has been carried out to identify if savings can be made through harmonising salaries across authorities. A harmonisation arrangement would provide all employees across tri-borough the same terms and conditions. £427,766 can be saved if all staff across the tri-borough library service are harmonised to the lowest salary point for their role.

Whilst salary harmonisation is a logical development it is not appropriate to do this just for libraries. Therefore it would need to be implemented in line with overall tri-borough procedures and timescales. Also there are significant risks in pursuing salary harmonisation in the absence of a proper consideration of different roles and responsibilities. These risks include reduction in quality of service, recruitment difficulties, and significant HR challenges. Therefore salary harmonisation will not be considered at the present time but will be investigated as part of Phase 4, when outsourcing options are considered.

1. Business case recommendations

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2. Introduction

In August 2010 as part of the government's Future Libraries Programme, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea gained project support to explore the feasibility of a shared library service to be delivered or commissioned jointly across boroughs. This included investigating alternative models for delivering library services in what could be an innovative way for both authorities, and which could provide a model for other London boroughs. In late 2010 following the announcement of the tri-borough programme Westminster City Council joined Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea to identify if an integrated library service could be delivered across all three boroughs.

With the help of external project support, a number of areas where potential savings may be found were identified:

1. the creation of a single joint management structure;
2. sharing specialist and support staff;
3. wider staff rationalisation and improved productivity;
4. harmonising contracts and joint procurement;
5. achieving the move to on-line service provision in an integrated way;
6. rationalising arrangements for storage, the home library service and transport across the three boroughs;
7. adopting a tri borough perspective in relation to the use of assets and buildings

In February 2011 Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Councils published proposals for combining services. The proposals outlined that some services could be more efficiently managed at greater scale and management structures for the delivery of services are triplicated across the boroughs, and could potentially be rationalised. The proposals included the creation of a single integrated library service across the three boroughs, with local branding and delivery in line with local community needs and requirements. It was anticipated that £1,500K - £1,820K could potentially be saved from these areas.

This business case outlines a set of verified proposals that will provide savings opportunities for each of the tri-borough partners over a three year period.

In addition to the savings outlined in this business case there are a number of areas where additional savings could potentially be gained following the implementation of a tri-borough library service. These areas require further work to realise their financial benefits and include salary harmonisation, provision of an integrated home library service, provision of an integrated archives service, rationalisation of office space and harmonising contracts and joint procurement.

All assumptions and figures used in this report are based on the position following implementation of 2011/12 budget changes. To deliver the savings outlined by this business case there is no requirement to further reduce the existing number of library buildings or change opening hours.

From April 2012 options will be considered for transferring the integrated library service to an external management organisation. This may take the form of a charitable trust, social enterprise, joint venture or through private sector management. The options outlined in this business case do not preclude the implementation of any future delivery models.

3. Background

Public library services are currently delivered across the tri-borough area from 24 library buildings open 1,197 hours a week¹.

Libraries across the area vary greatly in size and opening hours. There is one central library (Kensington); seven 'district' libraries (Marylebone, Hammersmith, Fulham, Charing Cross, Paddington, Chelsea and Victoria) and a range of mid size and small community libraries. Between 2009 and the end of 2010 three brand new libraries opened: at Church Street, NW8, Pimlico, and Shepherds Bush (as part of the Westfield shopping centre). In addition Askew Road, Brompton and Notting Hill Gate libraries underwent large scale refurbishments. Opening hours are tailored to meet the needs of the communities they serve with six being open over 60 hours a week and five open for seven days a week.

17 of the 24 sites are equipped with self service technology and 17 buildings are WiFi enabled.

Currently 4 million items are loaned to 158,000 members every year. These include books, DVDs, CDs, talking books, newspapers, magazines and PC games. An extensive range of activities to promote reading, distribute information and encourage learning are also available across the tri-borough area. Activities include outreach programmes volunteering opportunities and events for preschool children. These activities are supported by 461 PC terminals.

In addition to the 24 service points home library services deliver material across the tri-borough area to 1,098 people who are unable to visit a library. Hammersmith and Fulham also provide a service at Wormwood Scrubs prison and Westminster manages a school's library service.

¹ This figure will reduce to 21 by December 2011 following the closure of St James Library in Westminster and the handover of Barons Court and Sands End in Hammersmith and Fulham to the community.

A detailed breakdown of current service levels can be found in appendix 1. Appendix 2 shows the locations of each library

4. Scope for an integrated tri-borough library service

The assumption is that all “core offer” services will be integrated – unless there are strong arguments to the contrary. Each authority will retain sovereignty over policy-making but there is an assumption that unless there are considered reasons to set unique expectations, boroughs ought to standardise specifications because these ought to deliver better prices.

Boroughs will take the opportunity to radically redesign services, drawing on each authority’s strengths.

It is anticipated that each borough will have the capacity to locally commission services on top of the proposed core offer. Examples of the locally commissioned services include the Bengali Outreach Service, Prisons Library Services, services to children’s centres and study support. Partner organisations (such as the PCT) may also commission services across the tri-borough area e.g. Bibliotherapy. Further details of locally commissioned services are outlined in section 5.2.

Arts and Culture are not currently in scope as part of the integrated Tri-borough Library service.

5. Integrated tri-borough library service

5.1 Vision and objectives

Under the terms of the 1964 Public Libraries and Museums Act, public library provision is a statutory duty for local authorities. The duty requires authorities to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service for everyone who lives, works and studies in the area, and to take into account their general and specific needs.

Public libraries are one of the cornerstones of modern communities, providing unbiased and unparalleled access to a wide range of materials, information, knowledge and services, both on-line and during stated opening hours. They are very popular and heavily used (5 million physical visits across the tri-borough area in 2010/11).

The development of online digital information and media formats is one of the biggest challenges facing libraries, not because it threatens their existence, but because it is an integral part of a modern service; the challenge comes from keeping up to date with the technology investment and the content management.

As well as keeping a good stock of books and computers for customer use, modern libraries are fundamental to inspiring and enabling learning and reading. They also provide space for the wider range of activities and events for individuals and groups that now take place. These activities are a vital part of a modern library service, contributing directly to individual and community well-being and development. They include pre-school storytelling sessions, homework clubs, author talks, arts and creative events, PC tutorials, adult learning and skills classes for individuals or groups, sessions delivered by partner agencies, such as the National Health Service and Jobcentre plus or by community groups.

Public libraries are places where people can go to read and borrow books, and to learn. This simple but powerful statement will continue to be at the heart of the service for many years to come. Through this and other activities, libraries empower, inform and enrich the people and communities they serve through a range of services and collections delivered by well trained staff through community based buildings and online.

Libraries are freely available to everyone in the community, and aim to meet their present and future reading, learning and information needs.

Libraries have the potential to support the delivery of priorities relating to well-being and health, skills and learning, and active and sustainable communities. Most of our public libraries are located in local neighbourhoods and communities, and open when residents and others need them. They offer services targeted to meet local needs and priorities. For many residents and visitors, the local library is the face of the council and its customer services.

Libraries offer a universal service that contributes to many of the outcomes and aspirations in the wider strategic plans of each of the boroughs, such as supporting children to enjoy and achieve, and to make a positive contribution; helping older people enjoy a better quality of life and well-being; libraries can assist businesses, entrepreneurs, and the local economy, through information and events; they support improving health through health information and initiatives such as books on prescription.

We need to make sure that our libraries retain their core purpose of enriching people's lives by giving residents and users access to books and other information. Libraries can act as an access and entry point into a wide range of other council and agency services, offering information and support to meet community needs.

To achieve these outcomes, library services need to be visible, attractive and appealing, designed to increase participation and reach out to new audiences as well as retaining existing users. By sharing these ambitions for the service across the three boroughs, there is a greater opportunity to achieve economies of scale, increase income opportunities, attract inward investment, and maintain existing services.

In developing this business case, an overall vision and set of objectives have been established as shown overleaf:

Vision for the tri-borough library service

Libraries are freely available to everyone in the community, and aim to meet their present and future reading, learning and information needs. The key elements of an integrated library service are:

Reading	everything starts with reading, libraries help children and adults to become proficient readers for life and promote the love of reading for pleasure
Learning	libraries will support formal education at every stage and be a major provider of informal and self-directed learning for all
Digital	libraries will create and providing access to digital resources, and help people to bridge the digital divide through support and training
Information	libraries will provide the gateway to the world's knowledge (about anything and everything) and to local community information, with intelligent interpretation
Community	libraries will provide a physical, accessible, safe indoor presence in the heart of local communities, a meeting place for local people and organisations, a destination or venue for cultural events and activities
Access point for other services	either online or through surgeries or permanently shared location – as a trusted brand with expert staff, a natural place where people will go to seek advice and support and to transact

In addition an integrated service could provide:

Heritage/sense of place	libraries will keep the record of times gone by – the history of people and communities, helping to create identity and cohesion
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The programme objectives for an integrated tri-borough library service are:

- The creation of a single combined library service with local branding and in line with local community needs, that maximises value gained from public expenditure, strengthens the place of libraries in the community and maintains and improves the quality of core services.
- The generation of significant savings through the creation of a combined library service and to minimise the impact of budget cuts to frontline services
- To explore and determine the scope for the creation of a single combined archives service.
- To engage with commercial partners to increase income opportunities for libraries.

An integrated library service will be implemented via a phased approach further details of which can be found in section 10.

A set of design principles have been agreed to shape the structure of the new integrated tri-borough library service; these are outlined in appendix 3.

5.2 What will a tri-borough library service look like?

A tri-borough library service will deliver the following core services from 21 buildings.

Reading

- Provision of resources to support adult reading
- Selection of events to support children's literacy
- Reader development activities
- Programme of outreach to meet local need

Learning

- Provision of resources to support adult and children's learning
- Learning activities to improve adult literacy and IT skills
- Employment related learning activities

Digital

- Creation of digital content (e.g. community databases)
- Providing access to on-line digital resources
- Learning activities to improve digital literacy (getting online and navigating around)
- Access to PCs
- Access to Wi-Fi enabled buildings

Information

- Access to information resources and knowledgeable staff
- Provision of local and council information
- Improved access to special collections
- Access to local historical resources

Community

- Provision of venues for community and partner organisations to meet

A single managed library service will provide a unique opportunity to sustain excellent frontline services and deliver customer outcomes, whilst also ensuring that local sovereignty is preserved (for example each local authority will decide on the number and opening hours of libraries and the level of corporate engagement).

Specific customer benefits that will be realised through the initial combined management structure and service remodelling include:

- Individual libraries becoming the gateway to a wider tri-borough service offering, enabling users to access a wider range of books and other materials including the specialist collections held by each borough; and to benefit from the differing specialist expertise and experience of staff.
- Consistency of service standards across the three boroughs - customers will receive a quality customer experience regardless of geographical location or access channel (face-to-face, telephone or web);

Tri-borough working also offers the opportunity to exploit the joint commercial potential of library assets and services to generate additional income. Libraries across the three boroughs attract significant visitor numbers every day and many of them are in prime locations that would be attractive to retailers and other commercial outfits.

There is also potential income to be secured as a result of our knowledge and experience of pursuing a tri-borough service. Successful delivery of a combined service provides a compelling platform from which to trade both service delivery skills and capability as well as a consultancy offer.

A variety of services will be commissioned locally; examples of locally commissioned services are shown below. This is not an exhaustive list and is likely to be expanded to include services for children, families and vulnerable adults.

Service	Commissioning Authority
Chinese services	Westminster City Council
Prison services	Hammersmith and Fulham
Music Library	Westminster City Council
Business information	Westminster City Council
Bengali services	Westminster City Council
Specialist reference collections	Westminster City Council
Schools Library Service	Westminster City Council
Early years provision in community settings	Kensington and Chelsea

Whilst it is anticipated the library service may be managed as a single service with shared infrastructure and capability, the new model and associated structures will ensure that the current localised service offering and opening times provided by libraries in each of the respective boroughs will be delivered in line with the sovereignty guarantee.

An initial Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out and this has identified no negative impacts for customer and community groups, and a number of positive benefits. For staff, there are no negative impacts in relation to the equality groups. The Equalities Impact Assessment will be repeated at various key stages during the implementation process as the new operating model and structure are developed and as other delivery options are assessed.

6. Current financial position and savings proposals

6.1 Current financial position

The table below sets out the current financial position in relation to the library service for each of the tri-borough authorities. This information is based on the budget position for 2011/12 and reflects any savings already committed by individual authorities.

2011/12 Budget	Hammersmith & Fulham	Westminster	Kensington & Chelsea	Combined
Total budget	£3,501,966	£12,155,241	£6,633,270	£22,270,477
Total uncontrollable budget	£938,900	£4,842,047	£2,195,620	£7,976,567
Total controllable budget	£2,563,066	£7,313,194	£4,437,650	£14,313,910
Total salary budget	£1,866,966	£4,946,727	£2,964,310	£9,758,503
Total full time equivalent posts	59.3	154	85	298
Total opening hours	231	687	279	1,197

6.2 Summary of savings proposals

The following table summarises the financial savings associated with each option in this business case.

	Financial Savings (£)			Grand Total
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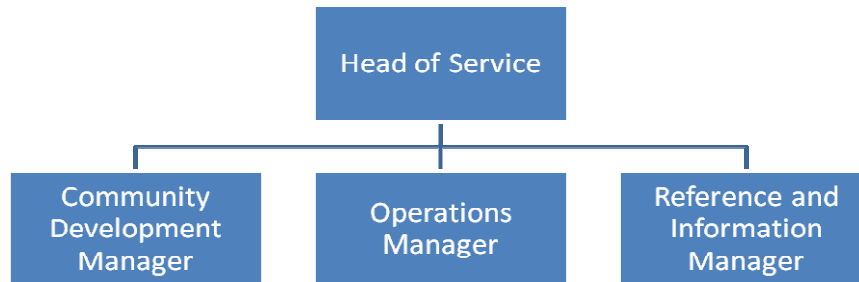
Details of how these savings are broken down by individual authorities are shown overleaf.

Each of these savings is described in detail from section 6.3 onwards. Details of how these savings and costs could be apportioned are outlined in section seven.

Financial savings (£) breakdown												
	Current cost	Post Tri-borough cost	Total savings	Hammersmith & Fulham			Westminster			Kensington & Chelsea		
				Pre tri-borough	Post tri-borough	Saving	Pre tri-borough	Post tri-borough	Saving	Pre tri-borough	Post tri-borough	Saving
Single management structure	615,934	300,000	315,934	71,282	100,000	-28,718	262,652	100,000	162,652	282,000	100,000	182,000
Service efficiency	5,038,866	4,807,194	231,672	1,042,524	984,606	57,918	2,577,351	2,519,433	57,918	1,418,991	1,303,155	115,836
Integrated core service	2,912,031	2,351,876	560,155	705,021	463,728	241,293	1,154,891	926,195	228,696	1,052,119	961,953	90,166
Total	8,566,831	7,459,070	1,107,761	1,818,827	1,548,334	270,493	3,994,894	3,545,628	449,266	2,753,110	2,365,108	388,002

6.3 Single management structure

A single integrated library service across all three authorities will be led by a single management structure. One Head of Service will oversee a team of 3 senior managers as outlined below.



The Management team will have the following responsibilities

Head of Service

- To set the overall strategic direction of the service
- To lead on strategic planning and development
- To hold accountability for operational performance and delivery
- To hold financial accountability for the service
- Responsibility for the business development of the service
- Member Liaison

Operations Manager

- To lead on day to day service operations to ensure delivery in line with targets and specifications
- To prioritise and deliver key initiatives
- To ensure the allocation and management of financial resources for frontline services in the team
- To provide operational leadership for library premises improvement, through identifying and meeting customer and community priorities

Community Development Manager

- To develop partnerships and joint working arrangements with both internal and external partners to help promote reading and learning.
- To lead, drive and motivate managers and staff in the Community Development team through setting targets, improving services and processes, planning work and managing costs.
- To lead the co-ordination and development of professional services to adults and children
- To lead the strategic development of stock for lending libraries.

Reference and Information Manager

- To develop, coordinate and direct Reference and Information services including physical and on-line resources, web services and digital content development.
- Develop, coordinate and direct specialist collections and services.
- To be responsible for the digital and information provision across the tri-borough area.
- To improve access to digital resources through delivery of support and training.
- To lead the strategic development of reference for lending libraries.
- Development of stock for reference and information services.

To allow the creation of single management team the following posts will be deleted.

Posts to be deleted		
Post	FTE	Salary range £ (inc oncosts)
Head of Service Total	2.05	190,820
Senior Management Total	8.00	425,114
Total deleted	10.05	615,934
Posts to be created		
Post	FTE	Salary £ (inc oncosts)
Head of Service	1.00	90,000 – 120,000
Operations Manager	1.00	50,000 – 80,000
Community Development Manager	1.00	50,000 – 80,000
Reference and Information Manager	1.00	50,000 – 80,000
Total created (based on midpoint)	4.00	300,000
Total Savings (based on midpoint)	6.05	315,934

It is intended that Westminster City Council will employ the posts in the single management structure but no decision has been made as to where they will be based. Reducing staffing numbers will create additional savings from office space and overhead costs. Further work is required to establish the level of these savings.

6.4 Service efficiency

A detailed transactional model has been used to establish the number of staff that will be required for each of the tri-borough **lending** libraries. All three authorities have had the opportunity to refine the model to ensure it reflects best practice and addresses local circumstances. Further development and analysis will be required to refine the model to ensure it works for each authority.

The model is based on a retail approach and looks at all tasks carried out in a lending library. All tasks are site based. Each task has been broken down by:

- Indicative time taken to carry out
- Frequency
- Volume

This has then been combined with a range of transactional data (including membership numbers, visitor footfall, opening hours, service points and building size and design) to predict the number of hours required to open, run basic services and close each library building. This has then been translated into full time equivalent posts.

The model assumes that the take up of self-service by customers is running at 90% or more, and that all operational processes (such as timetabling, cash management, enquiry and customer management) are at optimum efficiency, and it assumes sickness levels at 3%. These assumptions are not currently the case in all libraries but should be achievable in the longer term, building on existing best practice.

The model does not factor in specific local environmental factors, such as a high incidence of anti-social behaviour at particular sites, or an above average level of events or activities, which will require additional staff cover. Neither does it allow for peaks and troughs in demand. However, it does give a minimum base point against which staffing levels can be flexed in accordance with demand.

A summary of the output from the model is shown below. This data reflects the staffing levels generated by the model adjusted to take into account local issues and professional knowledge.

Average salary costs are based on all non management front line staff and include on costs.

Authority	Opening Hours	Existing Lending FTE	Adjusted Model Lending FTE	Difference	Cost Saving (£)
Hammersmith & Fulham	231	36	34	-2	57,918
Westminster	586	89	87	-2	57,918
Kensington & Chelsea	279	49	45	-4	115,836
Total	1,099	174	166	-8	231,672

6.5 Integrated core service

The combined existing structures across the tri-borough libraries is made up of 297 full time equivalent posts costing £9,778,003. The core service areas excluding locally commissioned services (e.g. Archives, Home Library Service, Prison Service) cost £8,566,831 and are made up of 259 full time equivalent posts.

An indicative target operating model has been drafted to show how an integrated core service could work. This model comprises **231.5** full time equivalent posts.

If all staff in the new tri-borough integrated core service are employed by Westminster the total salary cost (based on Westminster Salaries) is estimated at £7,459,070. A detailed breakdown of the salary figures for the integrated core service is shown in Appendix 4.

The difference between the cost of the indicative target operating model and existing structures (including adjustment for on-costs) is **£1,107,761** this figure includes the verified savings for the creation of a single management structure (£315,934) and the savings associated with service efficiency (£231,672). Therefore the savings associated with the creation of an integrated core service are £560,155.

This is broken down as shown in the table below.

Authority	Full Staffing budget (£)	Full Staffing FTE	Staffing budget excluding locally commissioned roles (£)	FTE posts excluding locally commissioned roles
Hammersmith and Fulham	1,866,966	58	1,818,827	53
Westminster City Council	4,946,727	154	3,994,894	127
Kensington and Chelsea	2,964,310	85	2,753,110	79
Total	9,778,003	297	8,566,831	259
Integrated core service			7,459,070	231.5
Difference / Savings			1,107,761	27.5

6.6 Additional savings areas

Archives

The archive collections of the three boroughs hold local government archival collections and local history resources. The archival collections comprise a unique and irreplaceable historical asset, being the records of the lives of the people in the boroughs and the land it occupies.

The 'archives' services across the tri-borough area are different in scale and focus. Hammersmith and Fulham have recently implemented a 'Big Society' model that sees opening hours considerably reduced and services supported largely by volunteers. Kensington and Chelsea focus primarily on the provision of local studies through the

Kensington Central Library. Westminster provides a comprehensive service housed in a purpose-built archives centre supported by considerable archive expertise.

A number of broad options have been looked at to understand if an integrated archives service could provide service improvements, improved access, consistent high quality and an improved service offer whilst providing savings. These options did not show any significant savings for the tri-borough partners.

As there are no significant savings to be gained from providing an integrated tri-borough archives this will remain as a locally commissioned service area for each authority managed through the libraries structure.

Other

Once an integrated tri-borough library service is introduced a number of additional savings may be realised. These may include savings from the provision of an integrated Home Library Service, provision of an integrated archives service, rationalisation of office space and harmonising contracts and joint procurement.

Staff harmonisation

Library service salaries currently vary widely across the three boroughs at all levels. Pay structures and employee terms and conditions are also different across each authority.

Analysis has been carried out to identify if savings can be made through harmonising salaries across authorities. A harmonisation arrangement would provide all employees across tri-borough with the same terms and conditions.

At this stage no consideration has been given to harmonisation of actual duties and responsibilities carried out, creating generic job roles where possible. At present, the salary differentials may reflect different requirements in terms of skills and responsibilities from posts with the same job title.

Analysis was carried out by grouping all posts into 11 categories. Roles were then categorised based on existing structure charts and salary bands. Front and back office roles have been separated and grouped in like for like role categories. Staff in scope for the single management structure have been excluded as savings have been calculated separately.

The effect of levelling all posts down to the lowest salary level (0%), up to the highest point (100%) and at steps in-between has been calculated and is shown in Appendix 5.

This analysis shows that savings are only achievable in the bottom 20 percentile of the salary spread.

A saving of £427,766 can be achieved if all staff in scope are levelled down to the lowest salary. This will affect 231 members of staff in total across all authorities as shown below.

	Hammersmith & Fulham	Westminster	Kensington & Chelsea
Total Staff affected	20	143	68
Percentage of Staff affected	32%	98%	85%

Whilst salary harmonisation is a logical development it is not appropriate to do this just for libraries so would need to be implemented in line with overall tri-borough procedures

and timescales. Also there are significant risks in pursuing harmonisation in the absence of a proper consideration of different roles and responsibilities. These risks include reduction in quality of service, recruitment difficulties, and significant HR challenges.

Therefore salary harmonisation will not be implemented at the present time but as part of Phase 4, when outsourcing options are considered

As part of the agreed Chief Executive's protocols, in the short term, most front line staff will still be employed on their existing borough's terms and conditions.

7. Apportionment of future costs and savings

The future costs and savings of a tri-borough library service has been apportioned in the following way:

- The cost of the single management structure going forward has been apportioned by an even split across all three authorities.
- The reductions from the service efficiency model have been apportioned to the authority that they are deleted from.
- The cost of the integrated core service has been apportioned by the number of libraries, weighted by size on a 1-4 scale.

The table below shows the costs and savings of the tri-borough library service apportioned by authority.

Apportionment of future costs and savings				
	Hammersmith & Fulham	Westminster	Kensington & Chelsea	Total
Current cost of staffing	£1,818,827	£3,994,894	£2,753,110	£8,566,831
Cost of staffing in tri-borough	£1,548,334	£3,545,628	£2,365,108	£7,459,070
Savings gained through tri-borough	£270,493	£449,266	£388,002	£1,107,761
Percentage saving on controllable budget	10.6%	6.1%	8.7%	7.7%
Percentage saving on staffing budget	14.8%	11.2%	14%	12.9%

8. Investment requirements

The following investment costs will be required to realise the savings outlined in section 6.

Item	Cost	Details	Frequency
Redundancy payments	£687,500	Based on an average of £25k per FTE X27.5	One-Off
Self service implementation	Allocated in existing capital budgets		
Project management	£103,200	Based on project resource at £400 per day for 12 months	One-Off
Capital Ambition funding	-£30,000	External funding bid	One-Off

There are no immediate IT implementation costs required. Integration of systems will be required to establish a single library card but can be done over time and when savings opportunities arise.

The table below gives details of how redundancy costs would be apportioned: Redundancies differ across each local authority, however it is only fair to share these costs in proportion to the savings derived for each local authority. This ensures the benefits match the redundancy costs, which is reflected by the Holgate adjustment.

Redundancies				
	Kensington & Chelsea	Westminster	Hammersmith & Fulham	Total
Current structure costs	£2,753,110	£3,994,894	£1,818,827	£8,566,831
New structure costs	£2,365,108	£3,545,628	£1,548,334	£7,459,070
Savings-annual	£388,002	£449,266	£270,493	£1,107,761
% savings	35%	41%	24%	100%
Redundancy costs	£209,387	£337,335	£140,778	£687,500
Holgate adjustment	£31,415	-£58,511	£27,096	0
Share of redundancies	£240,802	£278,824	£167,874	£687,500
Share of redundancies %	35%	41%	24%	100%
Current structure FTE posts	79	127	53	259

9. Return on investment

The table below shows the return on investment for an integrated tri-borough library service.

Return on investment (£)						
	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Cash in-flows	0	0	909,804	1,107,761	1,107,761	1,107,761
Cash out-Flows	79,200	711,500	-	-	-	-
Net Cash-flow	-79,200	-711,500	909,804	1,107,761	1,107,761	1,107,761
Cumulative cash-flow	-79,200	-790,700	119,104	1,226,865	2,334,626	3,442,387
Payback (years)	1.9					

10. Implementation

An integrated tri-borough library service will be delivered in four phases as outlined below:

2011/12											2012/13			
Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Phase 1				Phase 2							Phase 3			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and scope of workstream agreed • Programme mobilised • Production and sign-off of business case • Approval to proceed onto Phase 2 • Planning for Phase 2 • Mobilisation for Phase 2 • Feasibility report for archives 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating model design for the creation of a single management structure • Implementation of a single management structure • Realisation of business benefits from a single management structure • Detailed design to create a single operational structure and staff group for a combined library service • Approval to proceed to Phase 3 • Planning for Phase 3 • Mobilisation for Phase 3 • Options appraisal for new delivery/trading options 							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation and rollout of single operational structure for a combined library service • Realisation of benefits from single combined library service • Detailed design for preferred delivery/trading option • Production and sign-off of business case for preferred delivery/trading option • Approval to proceed to implementation • Implementation and rollout of new delivery model • Realisation of benefits of new delivery model 			

11. Risks

The following are potential risks to what is a significant frontline, public facing service across all three boroughs. Actions to limit these potential risks are suggested, for inclusion in any implementation plan of a single library service.

Likelihood - 1 (unlikely) – 3 (highly likely)

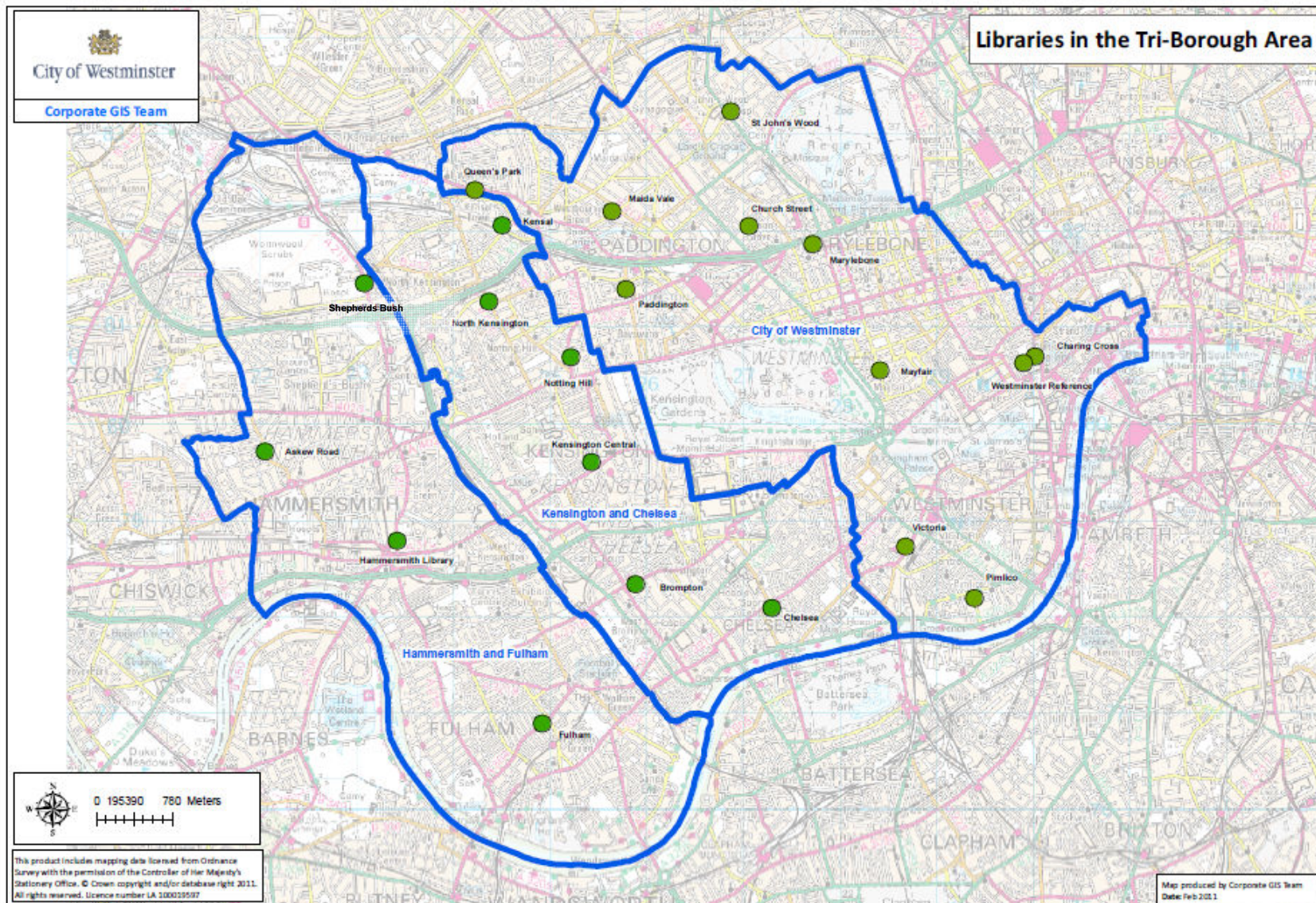
Severity - 1 (minimal) – 3 (severe)

Risk	Impact	Action to mitigate	Likelihood	Severity of impact	Risk
Speed of implementation not sufficiently considered.	Staff morale and turnover impacted leading to a reduction in service / deterioration in quality of customer service.	Careful, planned implementation with a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan in place to manage the period of change.	1	2	3
Not getting governance and structure right and commissioning arrangements unclear.	Single service with duplication, not realising economies of scale and inefficient service offer.	Clarity over which services are commissioned by each borough, and to what level.	1	3	3
Failure to resolve different aspirations across the three boroughs	Failure to agree core service specification and cost base leading to a delay in implementation	Establishment of robust governance arrangements from the start	2	2	4
Cost, resource, effort and time required to deliver a single service.	Cost outweighed by benefits.	Build in key milestones to agree progress to the next step, based on robust data. Thoughtful and planned implementation with clarity over potential (cashable) benefits.	1	1	2
Level of savings overestimated in business case.	Savings (or level of savings) not realised by any of the tri-boroughs.	Detailed estimation of savings required for each borough, and a plan of implementation.	1	2	3
Complexity of funding arrangements in any borough makes cashable savings difficult to realise.		Outcome of “corporate” tri-borough business case to be used in drafting full business case and implementation plan.	2	2	4
Corporate recharges insufficiently flexible.		Planning and implementation to be modelled to enable ‘variables’ to be taken into account when calculating savings.	2	2	4
Immediate action by individual authorities affects level of anticipated savings via a single service.			1	3	4

Appendix 1 – Existing library service provision

	Kensington and Chelsea	Westminster	Hammersmith and Fulham
No of library buildings	6	12 – reducing to 11 by end 2011	6 – reducing to 4 by end of 2011
Total opening hours (per week)	279	For 12 libraries 687 For 11 libraries 644	For 6 libraries 327 For 4 libraries 231
Libraries open on a Sunday	1	5	2
No of free access Public PCs	111	230	120
Home Library Service	Yes	Yes	Yes
Home Library Service members	304	619	175
Prison Library Service	No	No	Yes
Annual loans	922,054	2,400,000	670,000
Annual visits	1,185,535	2,500,000	1,100,000
Online Visits	266,000	2,500,000	257,266
Membership	40,035	86,991	30,926
No. of staff	85	167.44	69.5
Members of staff paid more than £60K	1	1	0
Self Service	3	11	2
Wi-Fi	4	12	1

Appendix 2 – Tri-borough library locations



Appendix 3 – Top 10 design principles

No.	Theme	Design Principle:
1	Sovereignty	Any design should be done so in full consideration of the Sovereignty Guarantee as laid out in the Tri-borough Proposal Report February 2011
2	Tri-borough	Departments should outline proposals for a 50% cut in managerial posts and 50% reduction in overheads and advise around any associated risks
3	Operating Model	The combined library service structure should be future-proofed as far as is possible and be agile and flexible to meet an ever changing environment.
4	Operating Model	Should have the minimum number of management tiers possible from top to bottom (say maximum of 5)
5	Operating Model	Optimum spans of control (say optimum target of 1:6 but could be more if deemed necessary/appropriate)
6	Operating Model	Back office functions to be minimised in terms of numbers and space occupancy
7	Customer	An ability to respond to local needs and circumstances, based on an assessment of local needs
8	Customer	A preference for an improved customer experience (e.g. one library card for all 3 boroughs) that may involve a change in relationship with increased self service but capable of at least maintaining the current levels of customer experience at less cost than can be delivered by the three boroughs individually
9	Finance	An ability to move to a unified set of contracts and a single property/assets strategy
10	Tri-borough	Boroughs will take the opportunity to radically redesign services drawing on each authority's strength

Appendix 4 – Staffing costs for integrated core service

Post	FTE	Cost per FTE (£)	Total cost (£)
Head of Service	1.0	105,000	105,000
Operations Manager	1.0	65,000	65,000
Reference & Information Manager	1.0	65,000	65,000
Stock Manager	1.0	50,118	50,118
Contract Manager	1.0	35,989	35,989
Stock Librarian	2.0	35,989	71,978
Cataloguer	0.5	17,995	8,997
Community Development Manager	1.0	65,000	65,000
Stock Assistants	2.0	27,184	54,368
Children's Co-ordinator	1.0	34,112	34,112
Adult Learning Co-ordinator	1.0	34,112	34,112
Health Information Co-ordinator	1.0	34,112	34,112
Bookstart Co-ordinator	1.0	27,184	27,184
Area Manager	4.0	42,810	171,240
Customer Services Manager	14.0	40,505	567,070
Librarian	18.0	35,989	647,802
Senior Customer Service Assistant Lending	78.0	30,261	2,360,358
Customer Services Assistant	9.0	28,959	260,630
Customer Services Assistant Lending	52.0	27,184	1,413,568
Reference Library Manager	1.0	42,810	42,810
Reference Librarian	1.0	35,989	35,989
Enquiry team Librarian	2.0	35,989	71,978
Reference Librarian	3.0	35,989	107,967
Online service coordinator	1.5	35,989	53,984
Senior Customer Service Assistant Reference	10.5	30,261	317,741
Customer Services Assistant Reference	5.0	27,184	135,920
Executive Assistant	1.0	30,261	30,261
Admin Assistant	3.0	30,261	90,783
Additional Posts	14.0	35,714	500,000
Total	231.5		7,459,072

Appendix 5 – Effect of Salary harmonisation

Role Category	100%	80%	60%	50%	40%	28%	20%	0%
Managers – Other	£3,318	£1,659	£0	£-830	£-1,659	£-2,665	£-3,318	£-4,977
Area Manager	£20,432	£11,234	£2,036	£-2,563	£-7,162	£-12,742	£-16,360	£-25,558
Site / Team / Customer Service Manager	£113,984	£77,659	£41,334	£23,172	£5,010	£-17,028	£-31,315	£-67,639
Librarians	£162,932	£122,352	£81,772	£61,482	£41,192	£16,572	£611	£-39,969
SLA / CSA Plus	£367,631	£282,109	£196,587	£153,826	£111,065	£59,179	£25,542	£-59,980
Admin Manager	£4,062	£363	£-3,336	£-5,186	£-7,035	£-9,280	£-10,735	£-14,434
Outreach Workers	£9,779	£7,010	£4,241	£2,856	£1,471	£-209	£-1,298	£-4,067
Admin Assistant	£31,249	£22,218	£13,187	£8,672	£4,156	£-1,323	£-4,875	£-13,906
Library Assistant/ CSA	£388,413	£272,326	£156,238	£98,195	£40,151	£-30,278	£-75,937	£-192,024
Weekend Assistants	£3,781	£2,279	£777	£26	£-725	£-1,636	£-2,227	£-3,729
Shelvers	£1,719	£1,079	£438	£118	£-202	£-591	£-843	£-1,483
Potential Saving / Cost	£1,107,301	£800,287	£493,274	£339,767	£186,261	£0	£-120,753	£-427,766

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	The Tri Borough Proposals Report (February & June 2011)	Kayode Adewumi 0208 753 2499	FCS, 1 st Floor , Hammersmith Town Hall