

## LIBRARY- SWOT ANALYSIS

### Strengths

- Continue provision of a Library service
- Storage available for van and other items from Cemetery Chapel
- Space for relocation of Town Hall Offices
- Possibility of meeting rooms for hire
- Car parking for staff on site
- Retains an historic building in community ownership
- Well used

### Weaknesses

- Poor condition of building not fully known yet.
- Old building which has not been well maintained.
- No knowledge of running a library- training required
- Not all services being handed over such as blue badges and bus passes.
- Future of Children's Services in doubt- one of main things valued in consultation
- Building comes with a sitting tenant
- No first floor disabled access
- Nationally use of books in decline?
- Likelihood of need to borrow funds to deliver change.
- No details of lease terms known.
- Need more staff
- Short timeframe to make a decision
- Energy efficiency of building?
- Running costs not clear
- Increase in Council Tax
- Relies on volunteers to run building
- Internal layout probably need to be reconfigured
- Toilet provision poor
- Cost of renovating building
- Cost of relocating offices including time

### Opportunities

- Storage available for van and other items from Cemetery Chapel
- Space for relocation of Town Hall Offices
- Possibility of meeting rooms/community space for hire
- Possibility of looking at reuse of Cemetery Buildings
- Possibility of Heritage Centre at Town Hall
- Car parking for staff on site
- Income from CANDO

### Threats

- Sale of asset to fund could leave to loss of income

- Staff Capacity
- Enough volunteers
- Service Level Agreement for only 2 years
- Short timeframe to make a good decision
- Long term sustainability
- Running cost increases
- What happens to other projects
- Long term building maintenance
- Local Government reorganisation
- Devolution of more services
- Capping of Council Tax
- What is happening at Methodist Church – will it duplicate community room provision

#### **Other Options**

- Look for somewhere temporary to house library whilst the new community building project is moved forward to include accommodation for the Library
- Streamline library and look for smaller premises to lease or buy.
- Possible of mobile library being located somewhere temporarily