A PURPOSE OF THE REPORT
Following a report to Cabinet in October 2010 on the Strategic Direction of the Library and Information Service and a presentation at Overview and Scrutiny Meeting on 1 March, 2011 this report provides an update on the current work of the Library Service.

B SUMMARY
The key recommendations of the Strategic Review of the Library and Information Service were as follows:

That the role and purpose of the Library and Information Service be confirmed as:
- Access to Information
- Support for Learning
- Books and Reading
- Space for communities

That a core offer for the Borough be agreed in line with that recommended by the Modernisation Review of Public Libraries and that minimum standards should be identified.

That the local offer be developed with District Partnerships, informed by the community profiles.

That the Library Family Framework be developed to improve working across the diversity of provision in the Borough.

A progress report was presented to Overview and Scrutiny on 1 March 2011 where it was resolved that the report presented on progress made to date in respect of the Library Review be noted and progress on the review of the library service be welcomed and, the Executive Director be requested to submit a progress report to this Board in six months time.

All the key actions relating to the Strategic Review of the Library and Information Service as discussed at Overview and Scrutiny Meeting, including the need to share the Family Framework with District Partnerships and for the Service to continue making links with school libraries, were incorporated into the Annual Library and Information Service Plan 2011/12.
This report provides an update on the range of events recently undertaken in developing the key areas of activity referred to in the Strategic Review within the Service. This includes a number of innovative new programmes of activity such as the introduction of Customer Information Points and CAB advice surgeries in libraries, the development of Conversation classes at Oldham Library, the introduction of a Lullaby roadshow to support the development of early literacy, a Big Lunch at Lees Library Community Hub, our first Literary Weekend and an Informal Learning Festival.

The report also provides an overview on progress to date on a number of other areas of work key to developing a high quality service and integral to the Strategic Review of the Service, such as the development of the Core Offer in conjunction with District Partnerships, the development of the Library Family, Oldham Libraries’ Performance, the engagement of volunteers and recent capital developments.

C RECOMMENDATIONS
That the report be noted

D CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

Legal □ Finance □ Other □

E IMPACT ON COMMUNITY STRATEGY & COMMUNITY COHESION

F IMPACT ON EQUALITIES

G APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Oldham Library & Information Service Update on recent developments.
Appendix 2 Oldham Libraries Quarter 1 performance