



# Outcome of the Fundamental Review

SWRLS Council AGM – 3 November 2016

# The proposition for the review

- How well do the priorities of the organisation meet the needs of current and future members?
- Are the Objects of the Charity still fit for purpose?
- To remind the sector about SWRLS and its potential as a regional agency
- To revise the Constitution so that it reflects a modern forward thinking organisation



# The recommendations of the review

- Place more strategic emphasis on the activities such as cross-sector collaboration, training and grant funding, and less on interlibrary loans
- Develop an online portal with a strong public facing element that could replace the defunct union catalogue
- Broaden the membership base, revise the constitution (including the Objects) and write a set of policies to bring clarity to the purpose of SWRLS
- Reconsider the method of calculating subscriptions, including separating the interlibrary lending charges and credits from the subscription charges



# Actions from the review (1)

## Organisation

Change from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

- still enables applications for grants and funding
- permits SWRLS to enter into contracts
- limits personal liability of individual Trustees



# Actions from the review (2)

**OBJECT:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY:

- Promoting cross sector co-operation between members
- Promoting access to library collections and specialist knowledge
- Providing a framework for the interlending of materials
- Advancing the skills and knowledge of the workforce and their stakeholders

**OBJECT:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF CULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY:

- Promoting access to specialist resources
- Promoting cultural activities and partnerships



# Actions from the review (3)

## Vision and mission

### - Strapline (vision)

Uniting, inspiring, collaborating across libraries in the South West

### - Mission

To facilitate the collaboration of libraries, information services and cultural organisations to develop staff, services and resources that are inclusive and which encourage and enhance lifelong learning within the community



# Actions from the review (4)

## Interlibrary loans

- Need to understand better how member libraries are using the service:
  - What are the constraints (e.g. unbalanced usage)?
  - What are the opportunities (e.g. offering online ILLs)?
- A meeting of ILLs staff from the region is taking place on 13 December in Exeter
  - Feedback/ideas welcomed, in the meantime, from all members



# Actions from the review (5)

## Subscriptions

Reduce the complexity and develop a clear and streamlined “offer”, e.g.

- Networking – brokering of services, access to key contacts, support and expertise, information exchange, advice, workforce development (using web site)
- Training – a specified number of training events per year with free places for members
- Grants – access to the SWRLS grant scheme for projects and training
- Interlibrary loans – new mechanism to balance the load (separate?)





# Actions from the review (6)

Name

South Western Regional Library Services

[plural]



# Questions and voting

Your opportunity to discuss, gain further clarity and state your opinion.....

