

Appendix 1 - Library Plus Investment

Library & Project	Outcomes expected	Status Aspiration/ Scheduled /Confirmed date	Funding Source	Justification
March EverySpace	<p>Improve the community's use of the space, with a varied, flexible space created to accommodate a greater range of activities and partners.</p> <p>Engage young people through embracing support of digital technology.</p>	Confirmed Opens 20 September 2024	Arts Council Grant	<p>Making use of unused space in the library following partner services moving out.</p> <p>Helping the library engage with core (60+ social groups) and new audiences (young people).</p> <p>Linked to the Fenland Cultural Strategy and a target/focus area for the Arts Council.</p>
Cambridge Central EverySpace	<p>Better utilisation of the third floor at Cambridge Central Library.</p> <p>Accommodating our partner's new patterns of use and allowing flexible use of space</p>	Scheduled for Autumn 2024 Open early 2025	S106 & Arts Council Grant	<p>Partners have changed their habits which leads much of the third floor closed and underutilised, in what is some of the most expensive floorspace in any council building.</p> <p>This will result in better asset utilisation.</p>

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	<p>outside of this, increasing public space.</p> <p>Adding new technology and flexibility to enhance the use of the space.</p>			
Cambridge Central Third Floor Improvements	<p>Enhancing the third floor alongside EverySpace.</p> <p>Ensuring the whole space is updated and accessible to embrace a new layout and ways of working for CCC staff and the public.</p>	Scheduled for Autumn 2024 Open early 2025	Library Plus Investment Fund	Utilising existing work on the third floor to minimise disruption to all library users, save costs with a single supplier, and ensure a more modern, flexible workspace is created that embraces work/study space.
Cambourne Expansion	<p>Increase in library size to reflect growing population.</p> <p>A more modern and adaptable layout to accommodate changing use and additional opening hours through Open Plus.</p>	Scheduled for late Autumn 2024	S106	S106 funded, raising Cambourne from a smaller 'branch library' towards a larger 'hub' library to match local population growth.

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Yaxley Accessibility Works	<p>Improved accessibility with a new public toilet and redefined layout that makes the space flexible and accommodating to different groups.</p> <p>Improving use of the space.</p>	Scheduled for December 2024	Library Plus Investment Fund	<p>Yaxley library has missed out on developer funding as much of the local development falls over the Peterborough border. It was due extensive maintenance work.</p> <p>It is possible to remove the likelihood of overall closure and reduce costs by combining work listed.</p>
Ely Accommodation Improvement	Addition of council office space to accommodate needs identified in the Accommodation Improvement Programme.	Scheduled for early 2025	TBC Accommodation Improvement Fund	Expand existing office space to minimise impact and ensure drop in facility available in heart of East Cambridgeshire.
Ely - Accessibility Update	<p>Improved layout and accessibility of library space to help mitigate changes from additional office space and adapt to needs of the community.</p> <p>New work from home space and meeting pod.</p>	Scheduled for early 2025	Library Plus Investment Fund	<p>Links with work on improving/changing office spaces to reduce impact and achieve savings through combined work.</p> <p>Better utilisation of the library space to accommodate new working requirements.</p>

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Rock Road Maintenance And Update	<p>Improved layout with a work from home space.</p> <p>Improved flow/navigation through library, including access to the garden and an enhanced/engaging children's space.</p>	Scheduled before March 2025	Facilities Management & S106 & Friends Funding	<p>Link with planned Facilities Management maintenance to improve furniture and accessibility of the library space.</p> <p>Working with community to fund enhancements of unique features as part of project.</p>
NHS Pods To Support Mental Health Support Access	Creation of private spaces for one to one or Teams meetings to take place in libraries to support access to mental health services.	Scheduled November 2024-March 2025	NHS Grant funded	<p>Delivery of two-person and solo pods in all larger libraries to improve access to private spaces for clients wanting to meet one to one with support outside of the home or clinical spaces.</p> <p>Pods will also be accessible if unused by NHS.</p>
Whittlesey - Accommodation Improvement	Temporary 12-month support for Learning & Development while their permanent base is built.	Scheduled Before March 2025	TBC Accommodation Improvement Fund	Support the move of staff out of Stanton House by providing accommodation and training suite for L&D team.

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Air Source Heat Pumps ('ASHP') in Libraries	De-carbonisation of the estate. Working from sites with highest bills first.	Ongoing	Green Team Funding	Complete - Cottenham, Cambridge Central, Wisbech, Huntingdon, Ramsey, St Neots, March.
Whittlesey ASHP	Switching over to Carbon neutral heating source - Air source Heat pumps.	Scheduled Jan-March 2025	Green Team Funding	To support the council's corporate ambitions: ambition one, 'net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes'.
Littleport ASHP	Switching over to Carbon neutral heating source - Air source Heat pumps	Scheduled Jan-March 2025	Green Team Funding	To support the council's corporate ambitions: ambition one, 'net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes'.
Bar Hill ASHP	Switching over to Carbon neutral heating source - Air source Heat pumps	Scheduled March - July 2025	Green Team Funding	To support the council's corporate ambitions: ambition one, 'net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes'.

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Replacement of Library Self-Service Machines	Maintain staff savings through efficient use of technology, including allowing for staff less access.	Summer 2025	TBC	As Windows 10 is phased out, the older generation of machines (pre-2018) need replacing.
Huntingdon Update	Enhanced ground floor space to accommodate growing engagement with children. Re-worked first floor to accommodate work from home/drop in spaces.	Scheduled for 2025/26	S106 & Library Plus Investment Fund TBC.	Links up different projects to deliver greater impact and value for money than running each piece on its own. Offers a modernised layout for Huntingdon library.
Library Strategy Implementation	Funds available to work with partners and commissioners to develop a sustainable funding model for libraries	Scheduled for 2025/26	Library Plus Investment Fund	Resources dedicated to helping accommodate and work towards council priorities to support ongoing funding of service.
Whittlesey - Redesign	Redevelop the library site to accommodate partners and develop a new library offer that more closely matches the user base and creates flexible community space in demand.	Scheduled for 2026/27	S106	Link the S106 opportunity with the accommodation improvement process to better utilise assets and ensure the best value is generated by the building.

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Mobile Library - Replacement	Replace the ageing mobile library and begin the decarbonisation of the fleet with a unique vehicle developed.	Scheduled for 2026/27	S106 & Library Plus Investment Fund & Green grants	The ageing vehicle has become unreliable. This is coupled with opportunities for funding available.
Barnwell Road New Replacement Library as Part of East Barnwell Development	Replacement of ageing library building with a new linked community building alongside Abbey People. Deliver modern flexible library space for the community.	Scheduled for late 2026/27	S106/ Development	Link with redevelopment of the site by Cambridge City Council as part of a wider reshaping Abbey process.
Signage and Branding	Improved visibility of library buildings and understanding of the library offer.	Planned	Library Plus Investment Fund	Link with Communications and with Property to develop a plan and review actions on a site-by-site basis to create consistent road marking and building signage.
Wisbech Redesign	Re-work the library space to modernise our offer and meet community needs.	Planned	Library Plus Investment Fund	Wisbech engagement group has improved library use and identified limitations in the current layout.

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	Open the ground floor to ensure it is more welcoming and create a flexible first floor to accommodate classes, study, IT and partners.			<p>Look to open the ground floor to make it more accommodating and improve the offer for children.</p> <p>Make the second floor more flexible for partner and event activity.</p>
Bar Hill Redesign	<p>Re-work the library space around the latest developments with post office, which is in the library.</p> <p>Improve visibility of building and explore options for extended opening.</p> <p>Potential to add a public toilet.</p>	Planned	Library Plus Investment Fund	Link with ongoing work to establish new a Post Office lease and planned property work.
Chatteris - Redesign and Decoration	Re-work space when Fenland District Council vacate to open up the library and create more space for community activity following Know Your Neighbourhood project.	Planned	Library Plus Investment Fund, some S106	Link with Facilities Management work and outcomes from Know Your Neighbourhood project.

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Central Library Accommodation Improvement Works	To be determined. The site is being considered as a staff base following rationalisation of Cambridge City office sites.	Planned	TBC Accommodation Improvement Fund	Large site in central Cambridge that could accommodate teams, particularly where the need to be in the city is a requirement.
St Neots Redesign	<p>Redevelop the library site to accommodate growth in demand due to the development of the local area, with a focus on improving access and flexibility of the space.</p> <p>Creating more community space, as well as defining study/work from home offer.</p>	Planned	S106 and Library Plus Investment Fund	Linking opportunities presented by S106 to overall project delivery.
All Sites - Best Practice Roll Out	Look to learn from larger projects to roll out best practice furnishing for study/work from home spaces in libraries, flexible furniture for community activity, storage and floor plans.	Planned	Library Plus Investment Fund, some S106	<p>Site by site review for smaller sums of money to improve core features that work during delivery of key projects.</p> <p>Using cumulative purchasing power to leverage savings on mass.</p>

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				Study/work from home, meeting room equipment, signage, desks etc.