

# The Next Chapter for Local Libraries: Understanding & Adapting to Changing Times

Taking place in Zone 1 Central London (Venue TBC) | Thursday 28th September

## 10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

## 11.00 Chair's Introduction

## 11:05 Morning Keynote Session

- Examining & implementing the strategy of the Government's Libraries Taskforce
  - Developing a 'libraries first' approach when planning services for the community
- ⇒ **Dr Paul Blantern**, *Chief Executive, Northamptonshire County Council & Chair, Libraries Taskforce*

## 11.45 Morning Session: The Next Chapter for Local Libraries

- Generating additional income streams to support existing services and develop new ones
- Refreshing the image of public libraries: raising awareness of the wide range of services that libraries provide
- Addressing the barriers to improving digital provision
- Promoting a joined-up approach to procurement to help improve services and outcomes for communities
- Making libraries more resilient and better equipped to face future challenges
- Helping libraries use better evidence to support decision-making

## 13.15 Networking Lunch

## 14.00 Afternoon Session: Examples of Effective Practice

- Learning from examples of effective practice underway across the country
  - Thinking innovatively to make the most of limited funding
  - Working with community groups and local actors to develop provision levels
  - Developing and maintaining a culture of continuous improvement
- ⇒ **Lesley O'Halloran**, *Assistant Director for Customer Services, Wigan Council*
- ⇒ **Philip Wilson**, *Community Resilience Officer, Essex County Council*

## 15.30 Event Close

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