



Press release

New chapter for Looe Library under partnership plan

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The future of Looe Library has been secured under a new partnership agreement between Cornwall Council and Looe Town Council.

On 29 March 2019 the management of Looe Library and Information Service will be handed over to Looe Town Council.

Under the arrangement Looe Town Council will employ library staff and own and maintain its building, while Cornwall Council continues to provide the book stock and IT systems to enable county-wide access.

The arrangement which is part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme means the Library and Information Service at the Millpool will continue to provide all the key services essential to a modern library, as well as access to a range of Cornwall Council services.

Following the transfer Looe Library and Information Service will remain part of the countywide library service meaning that customers can keep their existing library cards and will still be able to visit, borrow and order books online from other libraries in Cornwall. There will be no change to the service provided to customers.

As part of the arrangement, Cornwall Council will continue to provide and maintain the library's public computers and resources, including

replenishing books.

Armand Toms, Mayor of Looe, said: “I am delighted that we have been able to secure Looe library’s future for the community. It is really positive that Looe Town Council has been able to work in partnership with Cornwall Council to develop this innovative solution. We look forward to welcoming our library users both old and new and I am sure we will make it an outstanding success.”

Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, said: “We have been working closely with town and parish councils and community groups to find the best custodians for local libraries through our Library Transformation Programme.

“Our aim has always been to work with partners and communities to create sustainable services aligned to local needs. As a result of our agreement with Looe Town Council, local residents will be able to continue enjoying their library for many years to come.”

Note to editors

Find out more about [Looe Library](#).

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