

# STONY STRATFORD LIBRARY ENGAGEMENT

Date: 29th June 2015

Time: 6–7pm

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM ENGAGEMENT

<p><b>Do you have any proposal or ideas for additional uses for the building(s)?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The use of IT (Job Search) a possible source of sponsorship.</i></li> <li>• <i>Reintroduce pink sacks.</i></li> <li>• <i>Children’s Centre located in the Library (local one has closed).</i></li> <li>• <i>Ticket sales for local events by library staff for a charge.</i></li> <li>• <i>Run film shows to extend Stony Stratford cultural officer staffed by volunteers.</i></li> <li>• <i>Get a café franchise into the building.</i></li> <li>• <i>Craft Market.</i></li> <li>• <i>Charity book shop.</i></li> <li>• <i>Plenty of organisations in Stony, would like to see the library acting as the ‘Village Hall’ – but rental would go to Town Council and not the library.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>What other service could you bring into the libraries and contribute?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ansell Trust - Is it worth asking them if they would like to contribute?</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>What ideas do you have to involve more local people in the management of the building to help support community access and possible use outside library opening hours for new activities?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Tourist information centre – for use as a Box Office local ticket office – credit / debit facility (secondary use).</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Would you be interested in contributing to some costs of running the library such as staffing, books or building-related costs?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Possible merge Western Flank development with current Stony Stratford Library.</i></li> <li>• <i>Have charities based in libraries – could help in management.</i></li> <li>• <i>Publicise what books we need and ask for donations – sponsors provide stock for advertisement in book.</i></li> <li>• <i>Social Enterprise maybe interested in operating out of libraries.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Would you be interested in supporting the existing friends group which could help raise funds for libraries and recruit volunteers to help support library staff?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>FOSSL a little hesitant about volunteering – don’t wish to take staff jobs – need conversation with MKC how this could work positively for benefit of library (sponsor staff).</i></li> <li>• <i>Like to raise funds for library through events.</i></li> <li>• <i>Be aware of the cost of managing volunteers – lot of staff time taken up.</i></li> <li>• <i>FOSSL suggest that they may need to reconsider their policy regarding volunteering, to look at volunteering outside core opening hours.</i></li> <li>• <i>Need a push to increase volunteers – better marketing.</i></li> </ul>