

**LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT**

**LIBRARIES STRATEGY 2022-25**

That deletions are made as shown in strikethrough and additions made as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

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Proposed by: Cllr Childs

Seconded by: Cllr

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