



CULTURE AND LEISURE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL

BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on activities delivered as part of Book Week Scotland 2019.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The PDSP is asked to note the success of the activities and events taking place during Book Week Scotland in November 2019.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; providing equality of opportunities; developing employees; making best use of our resources; working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Public library services are a statutory service.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Usage of library services is tracked monthly and reported six monthly at the Culture and Leisure PDSP.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Within existing resources with addition funding from The Scottish Book Trust for author visits.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Annual report to Culture and Leisure PDSP.
VIII Other consultations	Not applicable.

D. Terms of Report

The report, Appendix 1, includes a summary of the main events organised to celebrate Book Week Scotland 2019. Five author visits were arranged in partnership with The Scottish Book Trust. Events were targeted at different audiences to ensure all age groups were engaged with the programme. The theme this year was Blether, a free copy of short stories published on this theme by The Scottish Book Trust was given away free throughout the week.

E. Conclusion

With 39 events taking place over the week and 758 readers taking part in the events, this year's programme has been a great success.

F. Background References

None.

Appendices/Attachments: One

Appendix 1 - Book Week Scotland Summary

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