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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

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ITEM NO. 02

LIBRARY FOR PORTMARNOCK - AI109904

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration is being given to building a library in Portmarnock in a future Capital Plan?"

Reply:

The Library Development Plan places a strong emphasis on the development of new and the improvement of existing library facilities. The delivery of these new and improved facilities, through the Council's Capital Programmes, provide the space for physical engagement with library services, and through our investment in technology and in electronic services, they also ensure that the virtual library is available 24/7.

The Council is focussed on providing new library services in the areas of the county that have the greatest need with new libraries planned for Churchfields/Mulhuddart and the county library at Swords.

Significant investment has been made in improvements of existing library services, over the last 2 years, with upgrades to branches in Donabate, Skerries, Malahide and Baldoyle, providing increased study spaces, meeting spaces and new and improved access to technology. New furnishings have further enhanced the building and have created modern state of the art facilities for citizens.

Portmarnock is well served by library services, given its proximity to a branch library at Malahide (approx. 3 km) and Baldoyle Libraries (approx 4km) with both libraries easily accessible via public transport and cycling routes. Both libraries will soon provide My Open Library services giving library members extended access to library services in the evenings, at weekends and over holidays.

The mobile library offers a service to Portmarnock at St Helen's National School every second Monday morning as well as visiting St Anne's Square and Carrickhill Road every second Monday afternoon. The creche in Portmarnock (The Village creche) also receives visits on a regular basis.

As a result, there are no current plans to provide a library in Portmarnock however the potential for increasing the availability mobile library stops will be examined and planned as the timetable allows.

Timetable and contact details are available here Fingal Library Network | Fingal County Council

Source of Reply:
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