Brief description of the paper
The paper is an extract from the Collections Review group meeting 2 minutes, highlighting the areas in which the Collections Review, led by Senior Vice-Principal Nigel Brown, intends to make recommendations in.

Action requested
Library Committee is invited to comment on these areas—comments will be submitted to the Review Group.

Resource implications
The recommendations of the Collections Review may lead to resource implications.

Risk Assessment
There is no risk assessment included in the paper

Equality and Diversity
Does the paper have equality and diversity implications? No

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Originator of the paper
Collections Review: areas for recommendations

The following are the areas in which the Collections Review led by Senior Vice-Principal Nigel Brown intends to make recommendations in. Library Committee is invited to comment on these areas—comments will be submitted to the Review Group.

1. Whether the overall funding of library materials is sufficient looked at in comparison to other institutions.

2. Guidance on how it should be driven – majority top sliced; shared budget; central fund/colleges, fEC funding, noting that there will be differences through the 3 Colleges, and there may need to be a mixed economy. An important part of this discussion is to understand how much of the budget is used broadly across the University, and how much is used in specialised pockets (eg by single researchers, or small groups, or even one School only). There needs to be reassurance that both the broad and the specialised routes these will be supported.

3. New methods of procurement to allow library staff to experiment with moving from the traditional models to new models, eg user driven acquisition.

4. Ensuring that collaborative activities which are in the interests of Edinburgh and others can be supported.

5. Establishing a way to support Open Access which may, over time, lead to a very different method for scholarly communications.

6. Ensuring that teaching as well as research is supported.

7. Ensuring that new courses, including Online Distance Learning courses, are supported at the appropriate level in a timely manner.

8. Pursuing discussions with Research Councils on library materials and open access fees

(extracted from minutes of Collections Review Group, 16.01.2012)