The University of Edinburgh

Library Committee

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Agendum 4

Knowledge Strategy Committee: library review

Brief description of the paper
Knowledge Strategy Committee will be carrying out a review of the library in June, with the overarching theme of: “The Library is a strategic investment for the University: how can we help Court remain confident that we are investing in the right library collection and services now and for the future?” This paper, which was discussed and approved at the March meeting of KSC, shows the themes which KSC will be examining.

Action requested
Library Committee is invited to make comments on the themes for this review in this paper, in particular highlighting points which they would like to see aired at the KSC review.

Resource implications
The overarching theme of the review is about whether the investment in the Library matches the needs of the University.

Risk Assessment
There is no risk assessment in this paper.

Equality and Diversity
Does the paper have equality and diversity implications?
There is no section on this in the paper, but the Library has to address equality and diversity issues in the services it delivers.

Freedom of Information
Can this paper be included in open business? Yes

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Overarching Theme:

“The Library is a strategic investment for the University: how can we help Court remain confident that we are investing in the right library collection and services now and for the future?”

The Collection:

- Building collections fit for purpose for teaching, learning and research
- Curating heritage collections
- Curating research outputs of the University

The Service:

- Library as destination
- Helping users and understanding and balancing what different user groups need
- Identity of the Library—how do users perceive the Library

Benchmarking and Innovation:

- Benchmarking: costs, range of services
- Future-proofing services—what will the library be in 10 years time, and how to get there

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