The University of Edinburgh

Library Committee

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Agendum 8b.

Estate Updates from Colleges: MVM and CSE

**Brief description of the paper**
Library building update.

**Action requested**
For information.

**Resource implications**
The Estates Committee Sub-group has still to give approval for the KB LLRC to go ahead.

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

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

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Estate Updates from Colleges: MVM and SCE

1. New Library at Easter Bush within the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Discussions are being held with the Vet School to finalize the opening hours and unstaffed access arrangements for library users. The current Veterinary Library at Summerhall will continue to function until June 2011. There are currently no plans to move any of the School facilities or staff from Summerhall until after the June 2011 examinations as the School does not wish to disrupt any students in the run up to exams. Some members of staff may move from Summerhall to Easter Bush from March 2011 onwards but the student facilities (library, microlabs etc) will remain in place and operation until after the final year exams in June 2011.

Staffing: Decisions are still to be made on staffing levels and discussions on this are currently being held within the User Services Division.

Opening Hours: The school has agreed to a new pattern of opening hours of Monday to Friday 9am-6pm during semester and Mon-Fri 9am-5pm during vacation. However this will only be acceptable in association with out-of-hours swipe card access. This is envisaged as being '2-tier' i.e. 1st-4th year and Graduate Entry Programme students during building opening hours only (8am-10pm) and final year students, post-graduates and clinicians 24/7.
This latter aspect will be discussed at the next School divisional meeting when a final decision will be made.

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2. KB LLRC Project at the King’s Buildings

It is hoped that the Estates Committee sub-group at a meeting in late October will be able to give the go ahead to appoint the Main Contractor. If this does happen, building work will start in the New Year and is due to be completed in April/May 2012.

The location for the LLRC is the site of the former Robertson Library next to the KB Centre. The Robertson Library was moved into temporary accommodation at the eastern end of JCMB over the summer. Permission has been given to demolish the building and this will take place during the second half of October once power services have been relocated.

Assuming that the project is given approval, several other strands of work will then need to start. These are:
• Installing more open access, compact shelving on the Darwin Library lower floor in summer 2011. This will accommodate the journal collection, theses and older book collection, with the current book collection being in the new LLRC
• Progressing with some form of “re-development” of the KB Centre open access labs (this depends on the necessary funding being secured)
Starting discussions with the College and the School of Biological Sciences on the future use of the Darwin Library upper floor once the LLRC opens

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