Delivering a shared library management system for Wales

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Presentation Outline

Background

Wales, WHELF and a Shared LMS

Benefits

One-off
Sustainable

Future

Benefits realisation
More collaboration
Wales: some context

Birthplace of industrial revolution

3 million population

2 official languages Welsh and English
Wales: some context

Famous sons and daughters

Tom Jones
Shirley Bassey
Catherine Zeta-Jones
Dylan Thomas
Wales: some context

Also home to Europe’s biggest Elvis Presley Festival

Clementine Schneidermann
Network of Welsh libraries (including all university libraries)

11 institutions

90 library locations

600 library staff

11 Million bibliographic records
WHELF: some context

National Library of Wales

Legal deposit library

6 million bibliographic items

3 million users

VTLS
WHELF: some context

Cardiff University
26,000 students
Top 5 UK Research university
Ex Libris Voyager
WHELF: some context

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama

645 students

Music and drama

Ex Libris Voyager
Shared LMS

Convergence of factors

6 Legacy systems
Next generation LMSs
Compelling business case

EU procurement

EU Notice January 2014
Contract December 2014

One ‘shared’ system

Ex Libris Alma and Primo
Implementation: process and benefits

Phased implementation
January 2015- September 2016

Collaboration benefits
Shared experience
Lessons learned
Technical support (and more)

Paul Seawright
One-off benefits

Consortium benefits

Buying club discount

Shared project costs

Shared procurement costs
Sustainable benefits

Cloud hosted and next generation

Hardware

Functionality

Sharing a system

Workflows and processes

Deeper and wider collaboration

William Eggleston
Collaboration

Opportunities

More buying club options

Shared catalogue and cataloguing

Analytics

Reciprocal borrowing

Luigi Ghirri
Benefits Realisation

Rationale
- Embedding benefits
- 3rd party integrity

Long-term study

Scope

Timeline

Outputs

Maurice Broomfield
Diolch yn fawr iawn

Happy to continue the conversation -
Thank you

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