

I am responding to you in relation to your new County Development Plan 2021-2027, and I include a suggestion for your consideration.

In order to ensure a high quality public service across all local authorities, the development of public libraries should adhere to the *Public Library Standards and Benchmarks* which have been developed through consultation with the Local Government Management Agency and local authorities. The county librarian for Wicklow, Brendan Martin, is a member of this working group.

A link to the current version of the document is below. The working group is currently revising this to include standard and benchmarks for the renovation of existing public libraries, the construction of new public libraries and facilities required for the provision of services.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/7468fd-public-libraries/#public-library-standards-and-benchmarking>

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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