

EXTRACT FROM CABINET MINUTES

Meeting held on 10 July 2013

PLAN FOR CHANGE REVIEW OF LIBRARIES – PROPOSALS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

The Cabinet Member for Leisure Tourism and Culture submitted a report which outlined the next steps in the Library Review process and reflected on the consultation undertaken since the last report was submitted to Cabinet in April 2013.

The report set out how savings required as part of the Plan for Change could still be successfully achieved, but amended the original proposals to reflect the feedback received through the consultation process and significantly worsening of the level of budget cuts to be made over the next two years covering 2014-15 and 2015-16.

The revised proposal ensures that for now all the Borough's library services will be retained and located in their current premises.

The development of community hubs remains a priority but their future development has to recognise the further level of cuts to Government funding for local government as part of the 2015-16 Comprehensive spending Review (CSR).

Delegated decision:

That approval be given to the proposals as set out in the report submitted to achieve the required savings by exploiting efficiencies from the use of self service technology and a reduction in the staffing establishment.

Reason for the decision:

The proposal sets out a way forward that means for now all libraries will be retained in their current premises across the Borough.

Other option considered and rejected:

To reject the recommendation and identify the £570,000 required saving from other budgets.

(Note Councillors Gartside and Pickstone voted against the recommendation)