

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

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**E2999**

**Modern Libraries Bath - Consultation outcomes and proposals**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11-Oct-17
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>Report will cover the outcomes from the consultation on the location of Bath Library/One Stop Shop and propose that Cabinet make a decision on that location.</i>
<b>The decision</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the outcome of the consultation.</li> <li>2) Approve The Podium as the chosen site for the central Bath integrated Library &amp; One Stop Shop.</li> <li>3) Fully approve capital spending of £330K for the next phase of the project.</li> <li>4) Agree that the next phase will involve appointment of architects and a positive programme of user and partner engagement to enable detailed designs and costings, as set out in appendix B of the report.</li> <li>5) Note that once detailed costings have been produced, and final designs established, the total requirement for capital funding will be confirmed and relevant approvals obtained.</li> </ol>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	As described in the July report, integrating the Library and OSS in Bath allows us to deliver our strategic objectives at the same time as meeting the financial challenges we face.
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>In Section 7 of the July report and in detail in the accompanying business case we described the alternative options for achieving the objectives set out. Having completed the consultation on the two viable options we are ready to recommend a site for the new service and to progress into design and delivery.</p> <p>The other viable option was to locate both services in Lewis House. The Council has no preference for either site and the consultation material reflected this. This option was preferred by the partner organisations that currently operate from Lewis House but these parties considered the benefits of co-locating services outweighed the location. This, together with the balance of public opinion, is the basis for the selection of The Podium and the recommendation in this report.</p>

**The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision**