

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference

**E3039**

Future management of Saltford Library building

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	<b>Councillor Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency</b> <b>Councillor Karen Warrington, Cabinet Member for Transformation and Customer Services</b>
<b>The Issue</b>	<p>The Council is in the process of delivering its Modern Libraries programme which includes an approved model for Community run libraries.</p> <p>This report relates to Saltford Library which is one of the 5 Branch Libraries currently operated by the Council.</p> <p>The Council's approved programme for Libraries includes a proposal to transfer the property related costs for each of its Branches to Community run libraries.</p> <p>This proposal is fully in line with the Council's overall strategic objectives relating to Modern Library Services, it supports the savings target of £800,000 at the same time as maintaining valuable Library services to the Community. It is a solution which demonstrates the Council working effectively with a local community group to keep front line services available in an affordable context.</p>
<b>Decision Date</b>	On or after 27 Feb 2018
<b>The decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member (s) agree to:-</p> <p>Delegate to the Head of Property authority for the completion of the disposal of the premises into a final lease in line with the Heads of Terms attached.</p> <p>Agree the proposal for Saltford Library as listed below in section 5 of the report, as this will help to resolve the ongoing budget pressures/savings proposals.</p>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>This option has been chosen as it enables the Council to implement its policy for Community run libraries and it enables the Modern Libraries Programme to achieve its overall savings target.</p> <p>It provides the Community with a valuable resource and helps to maintain a valued library service and post office service in the area</p>

<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	<p>This proposal to lease the building to SCA forms part of the Modern Libraries programme which will deliver £800k annual revenue savings by 2019/20. This proposal will contribute savings in the region of £31,150 through savings from running costs, building maintenance and different working arrangements.</p>
<b>Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)</b>	<p>Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Health &amp; Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations</p>
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	<p>Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Parish Council; Trades Unions; Staff; Other B&amp;NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer</p>
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	<p>The proposed model has been extensively discussed by the Council. Locally there have been requests made for appropriate groups to come forward and offer these services. It has also been discussed at open public meetings within the local community.</p> <p>Staff have been consulted on the options and are involved in developing and supporting the Community run library approach</p> <p>Posters have been displayed in Saltford Library asking for proposals and interested groups to come forward to provide a community run library service and the Community Group themselves have contacted residents about the proposals.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>The Council has displayed notices at the property requesting the community to come forward with proposals. This is the only offer that has been received and is in keeping with the model set out for community run libraries.</p> <p>If this proposal is unsuccessful then Cabinet has committed to reviewing any other options that may be available.</p>
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:</b>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	<p>None</p>

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	