

<p><u>MEETING</u></p> <p>CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE</p>
<p><u>DATE AND TIME</u></p> <p>THURSDAY 16TH JULY, 2015</p> <p>AT 7.00 PM</p>
<p><u>VENUE</u></p> <p>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ</p>

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting.

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Question Number	Item Number	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
1	9	Ms Barbara Jacobson	The Work Programme states that on 21 September the 'Decision requested' of this committee is 'To approve the future shape of library provision in Barnet' and it will be based on a report from the Commissioning Director Children and Young People. This issue is a matter of concern to thousands of Barnet residents, particularly to children and young people, but also to adults on their own and the children's behalf. When will the council publish the results of the public consultation on libraries?	We are aiming to publish the full report of the consultation findings by the end of July.
2	9	Ms Barbara Jacobson	The many demonstrations under the banner 'Save Barnet Libraries' and the signatures of more than 10,000 people on various petitions in opposition to the council's stated options are evidence of the enormous public interest in the future of Barnet's libraries. In the interests of enabling the community to read through the report and understand the recommendations that this committee will consider on 21 September and to engage in the democratic process by addressing questions and comments to the committee, is there any reason that this the committee cannot commit to publishing the report no later than 7 September?	The report for the Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee will be published in line with the council's agreed publication timetable. There is a timetabled internal council process for the preparation and clearance of reports that aligns with committee dates. This report will therefore be published on 11th September, 2015.
3	9	Ms Barbara Jacobson	When the committee publishes the report on the future shape of libraries, will it publicise its availability and make printed copies available in all the libraries so that people without broadband and those who cannot read from a monitor are given equal access to the information?	All committee reports are available on-line and a hard copy is made available at Hendon Library. Given the nature of this report, we will make a hard copy available at all libraries.

4	9	Ms Barbara Jacobson	Will the report of the consultations on libraries contain the discrete results of the different formats of that consultation, e.g. survey, drop-in sessions, workshops/focus groups? If not, why not?	The report of the consultation findings will set out the results according to the format of the consultation so that residents can see the responses provided through the different consultation mechanisms employed.
5	9	Ms Barbara Jacobson	How will the council explain to residents its advocacy of democratic, open and transparent governance if it refuses for any reason to publish the full and detailed result of the consultation on the future of the libraries and to do so in adequate time for those residents to participate in the discussion at the meeting on 21 September?	We are aiming to publish the full report of the consultation findings by the end of July.