

Council, 20 October 2015

Agenda Item 11.3: Referral from Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee - Barnet's Future Library Service

Amendment in the name of Councillor Hutton

In the CELS report referred up to Full Council (Annex 1) delete Recommendations 3-7 and replace with:

- 3.1 That Full Council agree to halt the proposed public consultation on new options for the Library Service, set-up a cross-party working group of councillors, library campaigners, members of the public, library staff, trades unions and local businesses, to develop a proper long-term vision and business plan for the Library Service that secures a sustainable future for all our libraries in accordance with the terms of reference for the CELS committee, which is to: invest in educational infrastructure to meet the needs of the Borough's learners and develop and enhance the library service.

- 3.2 That Full Council agrees to consider the use of reserves as required to continue funding the Library Service while the working group meets, takes evidence and reports on its findings as well as giving time to consider recommendations due to be published by the Task Force, set up by Arts Council England, and delegated to review library services from across the country, as advised by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.