

Council – 4 April 2016 – Agenda item 12.4

**Referral from Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee –
Barnet's Future Library Service**

Amendment in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton:

Delete all Recommendations in the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee report and replace with:

- 1. That Council notes the comments of the Prime Minister at PMQs on 3 February 2016 that 'over the five-year period [the] local government settlement allows councils to use their reserves and also to sell unwanted property and use the money directly to provide services to bridge that period.'**
- 2. That Council therefore elects to follow this advice and delay implementation of the proposed library plan until such time as a more detailed and robust business plan, including more sustained research into the proposed technology enabled system, has been brought to Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee, thereby avoiding the destruction of our library service as we currently know it.**