

	<p style="text-align: center;">Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 April 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Referral to Council from Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee – Barnet’s Future Library Service</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1 – Report to Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee, 23rd March 2016</p> <p>Appendix A – Library Review and Proposed Model</p> <p>Appendix B – Needs Assessment</p> <p>Appendix C – Product Catalogue</p> <p>Appendix Di – Equalities Impact Assessment</p> <p>Appendix Dii - Employee Equalities Impact Assessment</p> <p>Appendix E - Consultation Report 2014/15</p> <p>Appendix F – Technology-enabled Opening pilot</p> <p>Appendix G – Partnership Libraries</p> <p>Appendix H – Library Review – amended fees and charges</p> <p>Appendix I - Consultation Report 2015/16</p> <p>Appendix J – Locality maps</p> <p>Appendix K – Risk register</p> <p>Appendix L – Issues arising from the failure of the library management system</p>

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Summary

Agenda item 7 'Barnet's future Library Service' was referred up to Full Council by the requisite number of members of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee on 23rd March 2016, as outlined in the Constitution. Council is therefore requested to consider the recommendations and take a decision on them.

Recommendations

That Council consider and vote on the recommendations contained in agenda item 7 and addendum reports of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee of 23rd March 2016.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Constitution allows a certain number of members to refer a matter on which a Committee has taken a decision to its parent body. At the meeting on 23rd March 2016, the required number of Members of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee referred agenda item 7 (Barnet's Future Library Service) up to the next meeting of Full Council.
- 1.2 During the course of the debate, the Committee noted additional information regarding the current and future opportunities for co-location of library services with other services offered by the council, community groups or partner organisations. The Committee further noted additional information regarding mitigating action for people with learning disabilities/difficulties. The additional information was provided verbally by officers, and was as follows:
 - Addition to 1.21.2 of the cover report: *Currently, Burnt Oak library is co-located with customer services. Grahame Park Library is being re-located to a new building shared with Barnet and Southgate College and Church End's new location is part of a residential development, similar to the arrangement for South Friern Library*
 - Addition to the end of 1.21.3 of the cover report: *The strategic partnership with Middlesex University, referred to above, would see Hendon library co-located with university services.*
 - Addition to Appendix Di, page 25, Equality Strand 2 (Disability): *Publicity campaign to promote TEO to carers and support groups for carers of people with learning difficulties and disabilities.*

- 1.3 This information has been included in an updated cover report (Annex 1 – Report to Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee, 23rd March 201) and updated Appendix Di (Equalities Impact Assessment) for Council's consideration.
- 1.4 Following the debate on the item, the Chairman moved to a vote. Votes on the recommendations set out in the committee report and addendum reports were recorded as follows:

For: 5

Against: 4

Abstain: 0

Immediately following the vote the Chairman, Councillor Thompstone, moved to refer the item to the next practicable meeting of Full Council. The reason given for the request to refer the item was that there is substantial public interest in the issue, and that it is a key issue affecting the majority of the borough's wards, therefore meaning that Full Council is better placed to make the decision. The referral was supported by:

- Councillor Rebecca Challice
- Councillor Alison Cornelius
- Councillor Helena Hart
- Councillor Anne Hutton
- Councillor Kathy Levine
- Councillor Ammar Naqvi
- Councillor Bridget Perry
- Councillor Daniel Thomas

- 1.5 As the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee immediately indicated after the decisions had been taken that they required the decision to be referred up, the procedures to be followed will be those set out in Paragraph 20 of Full Council Procedure Rules (Rules of Debate). For reports of Committees (including Overview and Scrutiny Committees), the Chairman of the relevant committee, or the Vice-Chairman in their absence, will move reception of the report and adoption of the recommendations. This report need not be seconded. The leader of each of the other groups, or another member of their group, will then have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation, and at the end of the time allowed the Mayor will bring this part of the debate to an end, whether or not all those entitled have spoken or completed their speeches.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.3 As set out in the substantive report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the substantive report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.3 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.4 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.5 Legal and Constitutional References

5.5.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Paragraph 6, Members Rights to Refer Matters to Parent Body – states that “A specified number of Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may require that any decision of the Committee or Sub-Committee is referred up to the next practicable meeting of Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports, by indicating immediately after the decision is taken that they require the decision to be referred up. The report to Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports on the referral shall set out the reasons given for the referral.”

5.5.2 Constitution, Full Council Procedure Rules, Paragraphs 20 and 21- Rules of Debate and Time for Debate

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.3 None.