



Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

7 March 2018

Title	Member's Item in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb – Barnet's Libraries
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report informs the Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 A Member of the Committee has requested that the item tabled below is submitted to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Councillor	Member's Item
Pauline Coakley Webb	Barnet Libraries The new library system of core, core-plus and partnership libraries has now been operating for almost a year. In 2015 there were 59,803 under 18's who were library users, now the total of all ages is under 20,000. Dedicated children's rooms in libraries have gone from Hendon, Golders Green and Hendon libraries. Schools are unable to use their local library in many cases - one Barnet school has joined a Haringey library to continue their pupils access to a library service. As well as reduction in space there is reduced access for children to use the library for study, revision and recreation. I ask the CELS Committee to agree that a review of the existing Library Service is undertaken. The review should focus on the impact that the current arrangements have had on children's access to libraries, and propose actions that will encourage greater use of libraries by children and young people, recognising the vital role they play in their education and development.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT,

Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Members of the Council, Article 2) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.