



Title

Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

Date

21st November 2018

Title	Member's Item(s)
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	Non-Key
Enclosures	None
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Summary

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

Officers 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 Community Leadership and Libraries Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Councillor	Member's Item				
<p>Sara Conway</p>	<p>Libraries Access and Summer Reading Scheme</p> <p>The figures for participation in Barnet Libraries' Summer Reading Scheme from when there was a fully professionally-staffed library service to the current system with unstaffed hours and restricted access for young people show more than a 50% decrease in 2 years.</p> <table data-bbox="523 853 718 925"> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>4,216</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>2,113</td> </tr> </table> <p>Residents have raised concerns about the negative impact upon literacy development and social and community isolation for our children and young people, both in relation to this scheme and more generally in relation to the significant reduction in their access to professionally-staffed libraries.</p> <p>I request that the report on the impact of the library changes that is scheduled for the March Community Leadership & Libraries Committee includes assessment of:</p> <ul data-bbox="574 1332 1388 1731" style="list-style-type: none"> • the downturn in the Summer Reading Scheme participation, and proposals to raise participation in 2019; • the wider impact on children and young people in our Borough who no longer have a comprehensive library service due to significantly reduced access to professionally-staffed libraries, which affects all our residents, and specifically in relation to the lack of independent access of young people; • piloting of a less restrictive access system for children under 15 and for those between 15-17. 	2016	4,216	2018	2,113
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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 N/A

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 Social Value

5.3.1 N/A

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Council's Constitution (Article 2 – Members of the Council) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 N/A

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.9 N/A

5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 N/A

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**