

Decision Record – Consultation on the Proposals to Withdraw Sunday library opening at Rugby, Nuneaton and Leamington libraries.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Kam Kaur Customers
Date of Decision (not before 22 January 2016)	22 JANUARY 2016

Decision Taken

That the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customers approves the proposal for consultation as set out in the report.

Reasons for Decisions

It is required that Portfolio Holders approve proposals for consultation exercises being undertaken by the County Council.

Background Information

Over the last four years, the Library Service has delivered over two million savings and there has been a complete transformation of the Service. Actions taken have included thirteen libraries becoming Community Managed in 2012, a reduction in library opening hours and mobile library services across the county as well as a reduction in management and staffing costs. Since this time the service has constantly monitored its priorities to drive down costs and improve services whilst making efficiency savings.

In order to meet this budget reduction, we are proposing to withdraw Sunday opening hours at Leamington, Rugby and Nuneaton Libraries from August 2016. The withdrawal of the Sunday library service will form the basis of a public consultation. A further consultation will also be undertaken with staff directly affected by this decision.

Financial Implications

N/A (At this stage)

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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Peter Buttin Kam Kaur.

Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3338/Committee/553/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Kam Kaur
All Strategic Directors
Legal – Jane Pollard
Finance – Virginia Rennie
Equality – Belinda Blake
Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Resources and Fire & Rescue OSC – party spokes:

Councillors Western, Fowler, Dirveiks, N.Davies

