

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 19 MAY 2015 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT OF: Chief Officer (Organisational Change)

SUBJECT: MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR LIBRARIES –
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A NEW HUB LIBRARY
AT DEESIDE LEISURE CENTRE AND RE-LOCATE
HAWARDEN, MANCOT AND QUEENSFERRY
LIBRARIES

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: Cabinet consider the results of the consultation, the views of Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the final options appraisal to determine the way forward.

Cabinet agrees to the development of a library at Deeside Leisure Centre re-locating services from Hawarden, Mancot and Queensferry Libraries.

Cabinet agrees that the Council should work with the three communities specifically to:

- Address the concerns raised about the Deeside location
- Plan community library services for each of these areas
- Identify if a community asset transfer is feasible and can be supported
- Finalise the design and resources available at the new library at Deeside Leisure Centre

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Consultation has taken place as identified in the report.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Whatever decisions are taken by Cabinet

in May further work will take place with all three communities to implement these decisions in the best way possible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The capital cost of the proposal for a new library development at Deeside Leisure Centre are approximately £0.230m for which a grant application has been successfully made to CyMAL for over £0.090m with the remainder to be found within existing budgets.

The proposed re-location of three buildings into a new library facility at Deeside Leisure Centre will make a significant saving in relation to building costs and future repairs and maintenance. As part of the development, plans will be put in place for integrating staffing from the current three libraries which will also reduce operating costs. This is estimated at over £0.050m. This will contribute to the overall £0.600m savings that are anticipated will be needed in library services.

If a new library was to be built in the future, and it is the equivalent size of the current Mancot library, either to serve these communities or replace current provision which is not sustainable in the long term, then it is estimated that this would cost in the region of £0.750m (based on today's prices) for the building alone.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Helen Brown.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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SIGNED



(Proper Officer)