

Derbyshire County Council

Meeting with Cabinet Member, Health and Communities

11 February 2014

Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SWADLINCOTE LIBRARY

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek approval for the temporary closure of Swadlincote Library from 15th February to 28th April 2014.

2. Information and analysis:

A major refurbishment of Swadlincote library is to be carried out with all the library shelving being replaced and more modern and more accessible units being installed. The new shelving will be moveable and enable the library to be more easily rearranged, thereby making space more readily available for library events. Public IT provision is to be reconfigured providing a more comfortable and spacious layout with the opportunity for use by groups. All of the planned work will be financed from the Revenue Outturn 2012/2013 budget, as agreed at Cabinet on 30 July 2013, at a cost of £50,000.

Property Services will also re-carpet and repaint the public areas as part of their planned maintenance programme.

In the interests of health and safety the work can only be carried out if the library is closed to the public.

3 Human Resources:

During the period of closure, staff will be redeployed to other libraries in the area, undertake training or development activities or take annual leave for all or part of the period of closure.

4. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, and property and transport considerations.

5. Background papers:

30 July 2013, Cabinet, Revenue Outturn 2012/2013 (Council Services).

6. Key Decision:

No

7. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

8. Strategic Director's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approves the temporary closure of Swadlincote Library from Monday 15th February to Monday 28^h April.

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Health and Communities