

Derbyshire County Council

Meeting with Cabinet Member – Health and Communities

30 July 2013

Report of the Strategic Director, Cultural and Community Services

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BELPER AND NEWBOLD LIBRARIES

1 Purpose of the report:

To seek approval for the temporary closure of Belper Library from 16th September to 23rd September 2013 and Newbold Library from 30th September to 7th October 2013.

2 Information and analysis:

- 2.1 Property Services have identified the need for essential maintenance work at Belper and Newbold Libraries. The lighting in both buildings is considered inadequate and needs to be replaced and upgraded. The upgrade will ensure that the lighting meets statutory requirements both in terms of safety and the levels of lighting provided in public buildings. In addition the new lighting will be more energy efficient and will help to make a modest contribution to reducing the carbon emissions from both buildings
- 2.2 The maintenance work will require some working at height and the cessation of the electricity supply to the building. In the interests of health and safety the work can only be undertaken if the libraries are closed to the public.

3 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; and environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.

4 Personnel:

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.

5 Background papers

None

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 Belper Library from 16th September to 23rd September 2013 and Newbold Library from 30th September to 7th October 2013.

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