

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Christine Meaden

KEY DECISION - NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: Health & Wellbeing

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Central & Support Services,
Neighbourhoods Housing & Engagement

WARDS AFFECTED: Birkenhead & Tranmere

SUBJECT: REFURBISHMENT OF BIRKENHEAD CENTRAL LIBRARY

1. RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.1. Birkenhead Central Library is allowed a short period of closure to allow ground floor refurbishment. This cannot be completed while remaining open without compromising health and safety for public and staff thus a short period of closure is requested for a maximum of three weeks in late May 2014 starting after the bank holiday Tuesday 27th May 2014.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

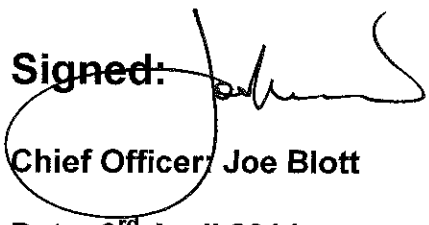
- 2.1. To allow Birkenhead Central Library to have ground floor refurbishment work undertaken along with an operational layout change. This will allow the remodelling of counters to have one main counter, plus swapping the children's library from its separately staffed room into the main Library room and the public IT area moving into the separate room. This allows our staff to better manage the use of all areas of the library and reduce the number of staffed counters allowing better direct access for users.
- 2.2. Work on site is to begin in late May 2014 and while some work can be carried out while open with some facilities necessarily restricted. Library OSS staff will look to minimise disruption and inconvenience as much as possible to users. The work will involve full closure to the public for which formal permission is sought for a minimum of two weeks, maximum three weeks. As yet precise dates cannot be given but will be advertised locally and to ward members once agreed. This is likely to be from the late May Bank Holiday Tuesday 27th May into June 2014.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1. The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

Signed: <i>Chris Meaden</i> Executive Member: Chris Meaden Date: 3rd April 2014 Also present: Malcolm Flanagan	Signed:  Chief Officer: Joe Blott Date: 3rd April 2014
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s): 25th March 2014 & 28th May 2014	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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