

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	5 December 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Transfer of North Baddesley Library
<b>Reference:</b>	4464
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval from the Executive Member to transfer the running of North Baddesley Library to the Friends of North Baddesley Library, a local group.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. On 6 July 2012 the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation approved:

*The Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services continuing discussions with North Baddesley Parish Council and having delegated authority to agree, subject to receipt of a formal decision giving the Parish Council's agreement, the detailed terms of the transfer with a view to transferring the running of the North Baddesley Library to the Parish Council on 31 March 2013. If agreement cannot be reached by the end of December 2012, the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services is authorised to close the library on 31 March 2013 and replace it with a mobile library service.*

### 3. Current Situation

- 3.1. Since then a local group has been set up by a local resident and Parish Councillor, called the Friends of North Baddesley Library (FONBL). FONBL already has a committee of local volunteers and it is actively looking for more volunteers to run the library on a rota basis.
- 3.2. FONBL have now asked if the County Council would agree to transfer the running of the library to the group, rather than North Baddesley Parish Council.

- 3.3. The Library Service has been working closely with FONBL. The Group has been formally set up with a constitution and the Parish Council have agreed to be a Trustee. On this basis it seems appropriate to transfer the running of North Baddesley Library to FONBL.
- 3.4. Subject to the agreement of the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation, it is anticipated that the service level agreement to transfer the running of North Baddesley Library to the FONBL will be signed in January 2013.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1. That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation approve the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services continuing discussions with the Friends of North Baddesley Library and North Baddesley Parish Council and having delegated authority to agree the detailed terms of the transfer, with a view to transferring the running of North Baddesley Library to FONBL on 31 March 2013. If agreement cannot be reached by the end of January 2013, the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services is authorised to close the library on 31 March 2013 and replace it with a mobile library service.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u> Update on Developments in the Library and Information Service	<u>Reference</u> 4031	<u>Date</u> 6 July 2012
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 Assessments indicate that the proposed changes to the library service provided at North Baddesley would have a low impact in terms of age, disability and gender and no perceived impact on the other protected characteristics.
- 1.2 However these impacts will be mitigated by the proposed mobile library at North Baddesley, which will be accessible by both older and younger customers and those with a disability.
- 1.3 In addition, North Baddesley library falls within the catchment of Romsey library and there is an adequate public transport link between the two locations.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. N/A.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Replacing North Baddesley with a mobile library will decrease heating/lighting of a building, although this will probably be cancelled out by the mobile's diesel costs.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

N/A.