

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
<b>Date:</b>	18 April 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Library Service Transformation – Strategy to 2020
<b>Reference:</b>	7340
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

- i) Approves the revised draft Library Strategy to 2020.
- ii) Approves the closure of the Mobile Library Service at the end of June 2016 and:
  - replaces it with the Home Library Service for those customers unable to access their local library
  - works with the Parish/Town Councils and local County Councillors in the 20 busiest mobile library stops and match up volunteers to deliver books to appropriate community gatherings
  - offers free on-line Library Learning services in communities that are losing their mobile library stop
  - develops links with voluntary sector groups which provide community transport to help rural communities that are losing their mobile stop to access their local library
- iii) Notes the public consultation responses on the transformation of the Library Service.
- iv) Notes the plans to achieve the anticipated savings to 2020 and potential for additional savings to be achieved.
- v) Delegates authority to the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services to devise and implement the necessary changes required to implement the Library Service Strategy to 2020.

- vi) Agrees the plans to improve access to Library services through investment in IT and buildings.
- vii) Requires an update to be provided in 2017 to confirm achievement of savings and plans to achieve the financial target to 2020 when confirmed.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. The Library Service needs to be run efficiently and positioned to meet the changing demands placed on it. People access library services very differently and the County Council needs a clear focus for the future of the Service.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not to have a Strategy for the Library Service would make the Service vulnerable to possible challenges as difficult decisions will need to be made.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None.

- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside Councillor Andrew Gibson</b>	