

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Nicola Horsey
Title:	Alterations to Winchester Discovery Centre to install a Community Link facility and a Changing Place
Reference:	6264

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. It is proposed to install a Community Link (CL) facility at Winchester Discovery Centre (WDC) in the space currently used as an IT suite. CL is a new type of day service for adults with learning disabilities. The aim is to give individuals more choice and control, supporting them to participate in day time activities in their local community and not have services delivered in segregated buildings. This is part of Adult Services' Learning Disabilities Transformation programme.
- 1.2. The CL space will be flexible and available for WDC activities in the evenings and at weekends.
- 1.3. At the same time a Changing Place will be installed. This is a specially designed toilet for adults with complex learning difficulties.
- 1.4. The public toilets in WDC will also be refurbished as part of the contractor's work, but will be funded separately by Culture, Communities and Business Services.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The closure of a building no longer fit for purpose in Basingstoke led to the establishment of a CL at the heart of the town in Basingstoke Discovery Centre. The success of the project led to Adult Services seeking a similar facility for the adults displaced from another unsuitable building in Kings Worthy, near Winchester.
- 2.2. CL users will have the opportunity to participate with services and activities at WDC and the Library Service will benefit from an improved, flexible learning space which increases income through a letting agreement with CL.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Adult Services may have had other options, but Winchester Discovery Centre was always their first choice having experienced successful joint working with the library staff in Basingstoke.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

- 5.1 None

6. Supporting information:

- 6.1. [2013-09-25 EMCR Leasing Space in Libraries Report \(HF000005053419\)](#)

Approved by:

Nicola Horsey, Assistant Director

On behalf of the Director of CCBS

Date:

21 November 2014