

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

**Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services**

## DECISION NO:

19/00012

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## Key decision: YES

*Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions*

## Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Decision on the draft three year libraries, registration and archives strategy and the proposal to tier libraries and implement a new opening hours model across the county.

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

1. The views put in writing in response to the consultation
2. The views of stakeholders such as District, Town and Parish councils
3. The Equality Impact Assessment and comments received about this during the consultation
4. The views of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee

## Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services, I agree to:

Progress, adopt and implement the strategy for Libraries Registration and Archives, in particular;

**Recommendation:** The Cabinet Committee is asked to comment and endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services on the proposed decision to adopt the 3 year strategy for Libraries, Registration and Archives and implement the proposal to tier libraries and introduce a new opening hours model across the county. Specifically to:

- A) Adopt the 3 year LRA strategy subject to changes being included as outlined in this report
- B) Implement the library tiering model and progress to local engagement about the opening hour patterns for each library
- C) Delegate the decision on the exact opening hours for each library to the Libraries, Registration & Archives Head of Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory services
- D) Agree to the review of the tiering model on a 2-year cycle – with a report to this committee on any changes proposed.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

- Completion of the ten week public consultation
- Budget savings target allocated for Libraries, Registration and Archives in the KCC medium Term Financial plan.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

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Signed

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