

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mr Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities

DECISION NO.

10/01502

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject:

St John's Library (Sevenoaks); Closure of the existing service point and replacement with alternative provision in line with the Library and Archives Strategy and modernisation of services.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities I HEREBY authorise the replacement of the library service point currently based at St. John's CEP School (Sevenoaks) with alternative provision, closing the current service point by the end of June 2011, and vacating the site in July to enable the school's building programme to proceed.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

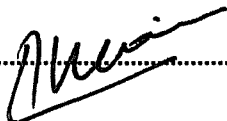
The Governors and staff of St John's CEP School are keen to develop and improve their building and the school grounds to create a modern and attractive learning environment. The school is seeing an increase in the number of pupils attending and they have submitted a planning application to KCC for changes to the site and some new build. The library is not only in the way but it is also a very unattractive building surrounded by high fencing. This impinges on the welcome that the school would like to give to visitors.

St John's Library has been poorly used for several years and although the service has been promoted, and different activities introduced, levels of use including the number of books being borrowed continues to decrease. There is no opportunity to relocate the library at St John's School or elsewhere in the community. Promotion of the network of existing libraries including a mobile library stop near the school and the use of online access will enable wider access to services by the individuals who currently use St John's.

Please see attached report and appendices for further information.

Background Documents: Library and Archive Strategy 2004-2014, Equality Impact Assessment, Risk assessment

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29th MARCH 2011
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