

6 September 2018**Agenda Item:8****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES****DUKERIES LIBRARY CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to change the opening hours of the Dukeries public library as outlined in the report.

Information

2. Dukeries library is a joint use public and college library facility delivered in partnership with Inspire and The Dukeries Academy, Ollerton.
3. Inspire is contracted by the County Council to deliver 42 hours of public access each week.
4. The facility costs are shared between Inspire and the academy. The majority of costs rest with the academy covering building costs, support staff, and book stock . Inspire provide an element of professional services, a share of librarian costs and access to library ICT system and training.
5. Dukeries College, in order to make financial savings has reviewed the operation of the library and its reception functions and is merging its staffing to generate efficiencies.
6. This new team will be a term time only resource and not available to provide access to the library during holiday periods
7. This change is due to be implemented at the autumn half term break in October 2018.
8. Inspire and the Academy are working together to maintain the current service during term time. However, without additional resources, both partners are not able to fund out of term access.
9. Therefore it is proposed that the current opening pattern be limited to term time only and that customers during holidays be directed to alternative libraries including Ollerton Library (which is open 27 hours per week, including school holidays) and allowed to increase their borrowing limits. Customers with limited mobility will be offered temporary access to the at home library service.

Other Options Considered

10.If additional funding was made available or secured the current level of service could be maintained.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11.The main use of the site by the public and students is during term time and thus closing in holiday periods limits the negative impact of reductions in academy staffing.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12.This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

13.Customers will be directed to Ollerton library and mobile library provision during holiday periods. Extended loan periods will also be provided as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the opening times for Dukeries public library be amended to a term time only basis.

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Constitutional Comments [SLB 09/08/2018]

14.Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [DJK 08/08/2018]

15.The contents of this report are duly noted, there are no financial implications arising.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Ollerton - County Councillor Mike Pringle