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## Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 39

Can the chairman of the culture committee give members a cast iron guarantee that not a single library will close, in terms of numbers, in the County, during this term of office?

Dear Councillor Zadrozny

Thank you for your question.

In answer, the County Council has approved an outline business case that enables the library service to work with communities in a new way, by creating community partnership libraries.

These partnerships are designed to create a sustainable model of service that is right for each community whilst maintaining the integrity of the library offer.

We are not threatening closure but offering a partnership and letting local communities decide on the location and form of the service that meets their needs.

Yours sincerely

John Knight

(Chairman of the Culture Committee, Nottinghamshire County Council)