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Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 32

Would the Chairman of the Culture Committee agree with me it is essential that we keep open all the libraries in Nottinghamshire as a basic necessity for all our residents

Dear Councillor Wilmott

Thank you for your question to Full Council.

Nottinghamshire County Council has a 10 year library strategy (agreed in Dec 2011 by Full Council) which outlines the important role of libraries in all our communities, their role in promoting reading, learning, heritage, arts and access to information.

We have resourced the strategy in modernising our library buildings and ICT infrastructure, to enable them to meet the current and future needs of communities and for Nottinghamshire County Council to meet its statutory library duty.

We have not proposed the closure of any library and continue to develop new sustainable library partnerships and the development of alternative operating arrangements to ensure we maintain our extensive and accessible network of libraries into the future.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor John Knight
(Chairman of the Culture Committee)**